

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Budget Estimates February 2014
Infrastructure and Regional Development

Question no.: 72

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013

Proof Hansard Page: 4 (24/02/2014)

Senator Conroy asked:

Senator CONROY: So Mr Eddington see a draft of the bill?

Mr Mrdak: Not a draft of the bill; there were certainly discussions, and the minister wrote to the chair of Infrastructure Australia setting out the key elements which would be contained in the legislation.

Senator CONROY: Is that letter available?

Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice. It is a letter from the minister to the chair of Infrastructure Australia. I will take that on notice.

Senator CONROY: And can you take on notice whether, if it is available, it could be tabled.

Mr Mrdak: Certainly.

Answer:

The Deputy Prime Minister wrote to the Chair of Infrastructure Australia, Sir Rod Eddington, on 4 November 2013 advising of the Government's reforms to the Infrastructure Australia Act 2008. A copy of the letter is provided at Attachment A.



The Hon Warren Truss MP

Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development
Leader of The Nationals
Member for Wide Bay

04 NOV 2013

Reference: 03398-2013

Sir Rod Eddington AO
Chair
Infrastructure Australia
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Dear Sir Rod

I am writing to advise you of the reforms the Government intends to make to Infrastructure Australia (IA).

I am also writing to outline a statement of expectations that focuses IA's efforts on delivering the Government's goals for the first twelve months in addition to the functions set out under the *Infrastructure Australia Act 2008* (the Act).

Infrastructure Australia Reform

The Government is committed to strengthen the role of IA through a change in its governance structure and through better clarification of its functions as an independent, transparent and expert advisory body.

In particular, we will create a position of Chief Executive Officer, responsible to an IA Board and consequently abolish the Council and the position of Infrastructure Coordinator.

I have asked my Department to give priority to develop the appropriate amending legislation that will deliver the proposed changes. It is expected that these amendments will take effect early in 2014.

In the meantime, I would like IA to focus on the Government's core objectives for the organisation and I ask that work commence immediately on a new evidence based audit of Australia's current infrastructure asset base in collaboration with Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments. I expect that this will be updated every five years and fed into the fifteen year project pipeline. I see the audit as fundamental in enabling IA to develop a project pipeline based on national priorities and independent of State and Territory Government project submissions. This work is to be finalised in 2014.

In accordance with the Government's policy about the development of northern Australia, IA is also to identify the critical infrastructure investment required in northern Australia.

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The audit of northern Australia's infrastructure is to be included in a *White Paper on developing Northern Australia*, which the Government has committed to produce by September 2014. I would expect IA to work in consultation with my Department and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on this work as a matter of priority and for IA's audit of northern Australian infrastructure to be finalised in 2014.

In addition, IA will be required to:

- develop the fifteen year infrastructure plan for Australia, to be revised every five years, specifying infrastructure priorities at the national and state levels, based on rigorous and transparent assessment;
- through the Plan, establish clearly defined service standards for project delivery and identify the short and long-term productivity gains as well as any complementary project required to fully maximise productivity gains;
- through the Plan, articulate a timeframe in which identified projects should be brought to market, commencing with those project of highest productivity value;
- review all Commonwealth funded infrastructure projects valued at \$100 million and above for cost effectiveness and financial viability. This will include transport, water, telecommunications, energy, health and educational sectors and exclude Defence projects. IA's role will be to assess and report on the adequacy of the analysis prepared by the organisations (including Commonwealth or State agencies) responsible for the projects;
- publish justifications for project recommendations and prioritisation, including the cost-benefit analyses;
- work more closely with Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments in identifying, assessing and ranking infrastructure priorities; and
- assess the performance of major projects funded by the Commonwealth to improve processes and delivery models and ensure best practice in infrastructure delivery is achieved.

Given the timing of any amendments through Parliament, I would also like IA to commence the above mentioned activities as soon as practicable, and with consideration of the audits being undertaken.

In accordance with previous arrangements, and until such time that the legislation is passed, my Department will continue to provide IA with all required corporate facilities and support necessary for the effective operations of IA, including human resource management, financial management, information technology, communications and media management, legal services, office services and property management.

I have copied this letter to the Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and Mr Mike Mrdak, Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

I look forward to working with you to enhance the independence and scope of IA in its role as a key advisor to government on infrastructure projects and policy reform priorities.

Yours sincerely



WARREN TRUSS

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Topic: Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013

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Senator Conroy asked:

Senator CONROY: Mr Deegan, in his submission to the Senate, has indicated that he believes that there were more than 20 drafts prepared before the final one was tabled. Is that correct?

Mr Mrdak: I will have to take that on notice. I do not know how many drafts there were.

Senator CONROY: But, from the sound of it, you could confirm that there were many?

Mr Mrdak: As with any drafting process, there are obviously iterations between the Office of Parliamentary Counsel and the department. I cannot confirm the exact number, but there would have been multiple drafts of legislation prepared.

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Senator CONROY: So the bill had much iteration between the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, yourself and the Minister's Office.

Mr Mrdak: Largely between ourselves and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel. I would have to check how many drafts were provided to the Minister's Office. I think relatively few, until such time that the department had finalised the drafting. We were guided by some very clear decisions that had been set out by the government in their election commitment and also the cabinet decision in terms of how the legislation was to be framed.

Answer:

The Office of Parliamentary Council (OPC) is responsible for drafting Bills in consultation with the relevant agency. It is common practice for OPC to create multiple versions of Bill documents for a variety of internal and external processes. Each version is just a snapshot of the Bill document at a point in time. OPC has advised that it created 25 versions of the draft Bill, 11 of which were sent to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, and that this is not unusual for a Bill of this kind.

On 15 November 2013, the Deputy Prime Minister was provided a final version of the Bill for clearance. In the three days prior to 15 November, the Minister's office was provided with two versions of the Bill in addition to a number of part versions as drafting progressed.

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Question no.: 74

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Proposed Funding Splits for Current Road Projects

Proof Hansard Page: 27 (24/02/2014)

Senator Conroy asked:

Senator CONROY: ...Could you provide a list of current road projects and proposed funding splits between the Commonwealth and territories? I think you said the government has a settled list of roads. Could we get that?

Mr Mrdak: Yes. I will take that on notice.

Senator CONROY: And could we get an indication of the government's proposals, given that none have been signed—though you did indicate that some of them have had indications of acceptance. Could we get a list of who has accepted and what the splits are on the ones that have not been accepted?

Mr Mrdak: We can take that on notice and provide you with what detail we can.

Answer:

The Government's Infrastructure Investment Programme is currently being finalised. Details of the road projects to be funded and the funding splits for road projects are unavailable until such time as the programme is finalised and agreements have been signed with states and territories.

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Question no.: 75

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Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Australian Rural Road Group

Proof Hansard Page: 29 (24/02/2014)

Senator Conroy asked:

Senator CONROY: Has the department provided any advice to the minister on the work of the Australian Rural Roads Group?

Mr Mrdak: I do not think that we have provided advice since September. I will take that on notice.

Answer:

No.

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Question no.: 76

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Correspondence from State Government about Public Transport Projects

Proof Hansard Pages: 35-36 (24/02/2014)

Senator Pratt asked:

Senator PRATT: Senator Sterle put some questions on notice last year. There was an answer current from 5 February with regard to public transport infrastructure funding for Western Australia. I would like to refer the division to the response dated 5 February in which you stated there have been no representations or correspondence with the WA government with regard to public transport projects in Western Australia. Have you had any such correspondence with other state governments?

Ms O'Connell: Which question on notice are you referring to? Does it have a question number?

Senator PRATT: It is 123.

Mr Jagers: Could you advise us which project that answer referred to? I do not have it in front of me at the moment?

Senator PRATT: The request of the original question was in relation to WA transport projects and whether you had received representations from Western Australia. I am asking if you have received representations from other states regarding their public transport.

Mr Jagers: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator STERLE: It might help if I indicated it was the MAX light rail and the airport rail. Does that help?

Mr Jagers: Certainly our answer was no to that question.

Senator PRATT: I understand.

Mr Jagers: In relation to other projects across the country, I will need to take that on notice to check whether there has been any correspondence from other jurisdictions.

Answer:

The Infrastructure Investment Division has responsibility for projects that have a public transport element and as such is in regular contact with the Victorian Government in relation to the Regional Rail Link project and the Queensland Government in regards to the Gold Coast Rapid Transit and Moreton Bay Rail Link projects. The Department has also received correspondence from South Australia and Tasmania regarding public transport infrastructure.

In addition, the Major Infrastructure Projects Office sits as an observer on the Project Control Group for the Brisbane Underground Bus and Train (UBAT) project in order to understand how this project will interface and impact with surrounding infrastructure interests of the Australian Government.

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Question no.: 77

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Perth Airport Link

Proof Hansard Pages: 37-38 (24/02/2014)

Senator Ludlam asked:

Senator LUDLAM: Was there any such commitment or visibility for an airport surface or subsurface rail proposal?

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Mr Wood: At the last budget, the then government announced a funding commitment for the Perth airport link for early planning works. From memory, it was a \$5 million commitment that was subsequently overturned by events with the current government's policy. With that announcement, the department joined the steering committee for that project.

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Senator LUDLAM: ... Are you getting any money back from the Western Australian government, unspent, out of that \$5 million?

Mr Wood: No spending had been entered into. The funding agreement had not been finalised and no spending was provided.

Senator LUDLAM: Not of the \$500 million of the \$5 million?

Mr Wood: I will have to check the number to clarify, but no funding was transferred to the West Australian government for the airport study.

Answer:

The previous Australian Government made a funding commitment of \$3 million (matched by WA Government) towards planning works for the Airport Rail Link Study, however funding agreements were not finalised prior to the 2013 federal election. No funding has been transferred to Western Australia.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Cape York Infrastructure - Consultations

Proof Hansard Pages: 40-42 (24/02/2014)

Senator McLucas asked:

Senator McLUCAS: What are the criteria that you are assessing projects, including the PDR, and the optimal application of money against?

Mr Mrdak: At this stage, we are awaiting initial advice from the Queensland government, particularly in relation to PDR, to determine whether that is the most effective application. There is a strong view from some in the region that the PDR should be the priority. There are obviously competing views about that. We are awaiting further advice from Queensland in relation to their position.

Senator McLUCAS: Are you conducting your own consultations? You have clearly identified that there are competing views, and that is true. What consultation is your department undertaking—or are you simply taking advice from the Queensland government?

Mr Mrdak: We will await the advice from Queensland initially and then we will start a process. I think the government's intention is to seek the views of the RDA and some of the other key bodies in the region.

Senator McLUCAS: May I have a list of the people you intend to consult?

Mr Mrdak: Certainly.

Mr Jagers: It is also worth noting that we have been working with the Indigenous affairs area of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on how the package comes together to ensure that we are taking a whole-of-government perspective to the program.

Senator McLUCAS: When will I be able to get the list of entities that you will consult following receiving a request from the Queensland government?

Mr Mrdak: I will take it on notice and get it as soon as I can.

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Senator McLUCAS: Mr Mrdak, you indicated that there would be consultations with political leaders in the north. Who would they be?

Mr Mrdak: Again, I will seek advice from the government, but certainly elected representatives in the region would, I imagine, be consulted.

Answer:

1. The consultation process for the Cape York Region Package will include liaising with a number of community groups and organisations to develop a package of priority infrastructure projects to be considered for funding, including:
 - Relevant State and Commonwealth agencies;
 - Local Regional Development Australia bodies; and
 - Local Government Authorities.
2. Many of these groups, local councils and the Federal and State members are involved in a Cape York Infrastructure Taskforce, coordinated by the Far North Queensland and Torres Strait Regional Development Australia, which is providing advice and feedback to the project development activities.

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Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Project Funding that was not on Infrastructure Australia's Priority List

Proof Hansard Page: 46 (24/02/2014)

Senator Edwards asked:

Senator EDWARDS: Can the department provide a list of all projects that received funding, since 2008, that were not on Infrastructure Australia's priority list?

Mr Mrdak: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

The list of all projects that received funding since 2008, that were not on Infrastructure Australia's priority list is provided below:

State	Project Name
ACT	Realising the Capital in the City
ACT	Package of Works in Canberra Airport Precinct
ACT	Monaro Highway Duplication (Canberra Avenue to Newcastle Street)
ACT	Lanyon Drive Stage 2 - Sheppard Street to Tomsitt Drive
ACT	Funding for maintenance expenditures by the ACT up to 75% of 2005-06, 100% of 2006-07, 100% of 2007-08 maintenance; and 100% of 2008-09 maintenance
ACT	Nation Building - Additional 2008-09 Maintenance (ACT)
ACT	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (ACT)
NSW	NSW Grain Freight Review
NSW	Improving Albury Wodonga's Cycling Infrastructure
NSW	Port of Eden Development Business Case Report
NSW	Wolgan Road Upgrade
NSW	Jimaringle Road construction
NSW	MR 301 between Clarence Town and Dungog and MR 101 road upgrade
NSW	Nangus Road Long Tunnel Creek Bridge Replacement
NSW	Intersection Safety Improvements, Bells Line of Road / Old Bells Line of Road
NSW	St Albans Road sealing
NSW	The Hunter Economic Infrastructure Plan
NSW	Maria River Road Link project
NSW	Hunter Region - Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SIP)
NSW	Bylong Valley Way sealing
NSW	West Metro - preconstruction work (NSW)
NSW	Maldon - Dombarton Rail Link - Scoping and Development
NSW	Shooters Hill Forestry Transport Routes
NSW	North Orange Bypass

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State	Project Name
NSW	Parramatta River City Renewal
NSW	Maldon to Dombarton Pre-Feasibility Study
NSW	Hunter Expressway (NSW)
NSW	F3 to Sydney Orbital - Planning (AusLink)
NSW	Lower Hunter Transport Needs Study
NSW	F3 Freeway - widening, Stages 2 & 3 (Cowan to Mt Colah).
NSW	F3 Freeway - Mt White Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station
NSW	Hume Hwy - Albury Wodonga National Highway upgrade: Murray River to Billy Hughes Bridge.
NSW	Hume Hwy - Campbelltown Access ramps
NSW	Hume Hwy - Upgrade of Towrang and Carrick Roads intersections.
NSW	Hume Highway - Coolac Bypass
NSW	Hume Hwy - southern Hume Hwy safety works.
NSW	Hume Highway - Sheahan Bridge Duplication
NSW	F5 widening northbound, Brooks Rd to M7
NSW	Hume Highway - Holbrook Bypass - Planning
NSW	Hume Highway - Tarcutta Bypass - Planning
NSW	Hume Highway - Woomargama Bypass - Planning
NSW	New England Highway - Halcombe Hill realignment.
NSW	New England Highway - Sunnyside realignment.
NSW	New England Hwy - Weakleys Drive Interchange
NSW	New England Hwy - Muswellbrook Bypass
NSW	Newell Hwy - Moree Bypass.
NSW	Newell Highway - Bogan to Coobang realignment.
NSW	Trewilga Realignment
NSW	Pacific Highway - Tintenbar to Ewingsdale - Initial planning (AusLink)
NSW	Pacific Highway - Kempsey to Eungai
NSW	Pacific Highway - Warrell Creek to Urunga - Planning (AusLink)
NSW	Pacific Highway - Cooperook to Moorland - Planning and initial construction (AusLink)
NSW	Pacific Highway - Ballina Bypass - Planning and initial construction (AusLink)
NSW	Barton Highway - Duplication - Planning and land acquisition
NSW	Higher Mass Limit Bridges Package
NSW	Automated optimisation of SCATS (Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System)
NSW	National Highway bridge widening package: Newell, New England & Sturt Hwys.
NSW	New England Hwy reconstruction & widening package.
NSW	Newell Highway - Mungle Creek widening and rehabilitation
NSW	Newell Hwy - Tycannah Creek Causeway Improvement
NSW	Newell Hwy - Wallumburrawang Ck Deviation, 54.1-58.5km north of Gilgandra.
NSW	Sturt Highway - Gillenbah Structures
NSW	Sturt Hwy - reconstruction & widening package.
NSW	F5 Widening - Brooks Road, Ingleburn to Narellan Road Campbelltown
NSW	Hume Highway - Tarcutta Bypass - Construction
NSW	Hume Highway - Woomargama Bypass - Construction

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State	Project Name
NSW	Hume Highway - Holbrook Bypass - Construction
NSW	New England Highway – Bolivia Hill Reconstruction – Planning
NSW	New England Highway – Tenterfield Heavy Vehicle Bypass – Planning
NSW	Great Western Highway - Wentworth Falls East Upgrade
NSW	Great Western Highway - Woodford to Hazelbrook Stage 2
NSW	Great Western Highway - Mount Victoria to Lithgow Upgrade
NSW	Great Western Highway - Mt Victoria to Lithgow - Safety Improvements
NSW	Barton Highway - Capricorn Corner Realignment (Safety Works Package)
NSW	Barton Highway Safety Works Package - Gounyan Curves Realignment
NSW	Barton Highway Safety Works Package - Preconstruction
NSW	Barton Highway Safety Works Package – Murrumbateman Road Intersection and Curve Improvements
NSW	Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan - Bells Line of Road
NSW	Central West Transport Needs Study
NSW	Alstonville Bypass
NSW	Werrington Arterial Road
NSW	Bega Bypass
NSW	Richmond Bridge
NSW	Funding for maintenance expenditures by NSW of up to 75% of 2005-06, 100% of 2006-07; 100% of 2007-08 and 100% of 2008-09 maintenance allocations.
NSW	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (NSW)
NSW	New England Highway – Rail Level Crossing, Scone (Feasibility Study)
NSW	Conjola Mountain Deviation
NSW	Princes Highway safety works
NSW	New England Hwy - Devil's Pinch Realignment north of Armidale
NSW	Barton Highway Safety Works Package - McIntosh Circuit Intersection Improvement
NSW	Sydney Motorways Project - Planning
NSW	Great Western Highway – Forty Bends Upgrade
NSW	Beaury Creek reconstruction
NSW	Browns Dip realignment
NSW	Green Square Town Centre "Trigeneration"
NSW	MR278 SH4 to Bombowlee Creek Road
NSW	MR248 West reconstruction and seal
NSW	Collarenebri to Mungindi Road
NSW	Remove height restrictions on rail over road bridge on the Coonabarabran - Coonamble road
NSW	MR372 Intersection realignment
NSW	The Ridgeway Upgrade
NSW	Watanobbi to Warnervale link road
NSW	Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link Feasibility Study
NSW	Freight Rail Upgrades between Sydney and Newcastle - Hexham Freight Loop
NT	Precinct Based Master Plan for the Darwin CBD
NT	Florina Road upgrade

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State	Project Name
NT	Victoria Highway works, Construction of Victoria River Bridge and lifting works on Joe, Lost and Sandy creek bridges.
NT	AusLink widening & rehabilitation
NT	Tiger Brennan Drive/Berrimah Road - Darwin East Arm Port Access
NT	Tiger Brennan Drive - Stuart Highway Intersection
NT	Improve flood immunity, road safety and productivity on Northern Territory highways - National Highways Strengthening and Widening
NT	Network Infrastructure Road Safety Initiatives Including Fatigue Management
NT	Improved Flood Immunity, Road Safety and Productivity on Northern Territory Highways - New High Level Bridge over the Cullen River
NT	Improve flood immunity, road safety and productivity on NT highways - Overtaking Opportunities - Stuart Highway between Katherine and Darwin
NT	Improve Flood Immunity, Road Safety and Productivity on NT Highways: Stuart and Victoria Highways Flood Immunity Works
NT	Darwin Port - All Tides Access Planning Study
NT	Stuart Highway/Howard Springs Road intersection upgrade
NT	Community, Beef and Mining Roads Improvement Program - Improving Flood Immunity on Port Keats Road
NT	Community, Beef and Mining Roads Improvement Program - Plenty Highway
NT	Community, Beef and Mining Roads Improvement Program - Buntine Highway
NT	Community, Beef and Mining Roads Package – Upgrade of the Central Arnhem Road
NT	Community, Beef and Mining Roads Improvement Program - Tanami Road
NT	NT Community, Beef and Mining Package - High Level Bridge over the McArthur River at Borroloola.
NT	NT Community, Beef and Mining Package - Upgrade of the Maryvale Road and Hugh River Stock Route.
NT	Improve flood immunity, road safety and productivity on Northern Territory highways – Stuart Highway - Rail Overpass South of Alice Springs
NT	Arnhem Highway Upgrades
NT	Northern Territory Regional Infrastructure Study – Supporting Resources Sector Development
NT	Funding for maintenance expenditures by the NT up to 75% of 2005-06, 100% of 2006-07, 100% of 2007-08 and 100% of 2008-09 maintenance allocations
NT	Nation Building - Additional 2008-09 Maintenance (NT)
NT	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (NT)
NT	Port Keats Road upgrade
QLD	Starlight Way (Aramac to Torrens Creek Road)
QLD	Legacy Way
QLD	Bundaberg District Cane Deregulation Roads Program
QLD	Cloncurry Community Precinct
QLD	Cloncurry Heavy Vehicle Bypass
QLD	Duchess - Phosphate Hill Road pavement
QLD	Northern Peninsula Road access improvement
QLD	North Queensland Supply Chain – Operationalising the 50 Year Infrastructure Plan

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State	Project Name
QLD	Central Queensland Resources Supply Chain – Central Queensland Planning and Infrastructure Framework
QLD	Cluny Sandhills
QLD	Pavement rehabilitation Tuan Forest Road
QLD	Woodstock/Lennox Streets Traffic Lights
QLD	Kirkwood Road (from Bernaraby Road to Glenlyon Road)
QLD	Stanmore Road improvements
QLD	Cunningham Hwy - Swanbank Enterprise Park Link
QLD	Lockhart River Access Road Upgrade
QLD	Replacement of McGraths Bridge
QLD	The Logan Central Affordable Housing Demonstration Project
QLD	Connor Road upgrading to serve Paget Industrial Area
QLD	Dalrymple Road
QLD	Devereux Creek Road widening
QLD	Upgrading of Monto - Kalpowar Section of Gladstone Monto Road
QLD	Pompuraaw Kowanyama Southern Access Road
QLD	Bruce Highway – Yeppen Floodplain Upgrade
QLD	Kirrama Range Road
QLD	Bruce Hwy - Priority highway safety improvements arising from 2003 Burdekin Rd Safety Audit.
QLD	Bruce Hwy - Glenorchy Straight to Maryborough Bypass, rehabilitation & widening.
QLD	Bruce Hwy - Safety improvements at Black Mountain from Black Mountain Rd to Pioneer Rd (35km sth of Gympie & 230km nth of Brisbane).
QLD	Gympie 4 lane upgrade: Kidgell St to Albert Park Bowls Club
QLD	Bruce Hwy - Gympie 4 lane upgrade between Monkland St and Channon St and between Cross St and Pine St.
QLD	Bruce Hwy - overtaking lanes between Gympie & Maryborough.
QLD	Bruce Highway - Plain Creek to Saltwater Creek
QLD	Townsville Ring Road between Condon and Shaw Road
QLD	Bruce Hwy - upgrading between Boundary Rd & Uhlmann Rd, includes widening of bridges, interchange & upgrading to 6 lanes.
QLD	Caboolture Motorway: Uhlmann Road to Bribie Island Road
QLD	Barkly Hwy - Wooroona Ck.
QLD	Cunningham Hwy/New England Hwy intersections safety improvements (8 mile intersection)
QLD	Bruce Hwy - Black Mountain rehabilitation.
QLD	Bruce Hwy - Brandon level crossing to Hoey Rd rehabilitation & stabilisation.
QLD	Bruce Hwy - McDonnell Ck to Fishery Falls overtaking lanes.
QLD	Bruce Hwy - Poppi Road north of Ingham overtaking lanes.
QLD	Bruce Hwy - two overtaking lanes north of Gympie.
QLD	Bruce Hwy - two overtaking lanes south of Gympie.
QLD	Cunningham Hwy - balance of Cunninghams Gap to Freestone Ck.
QLD	Warrego Hwy - Bowenville to Dalby widening & rehabilitation.
QLD	Warrego Hwy - East of Mitchell widening & rehabilitation.
QLD	Warrego Hwy - Mitchell township rehabilitation.

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QLD	Bruce Highway – Yeppen Floodplain Upgrade – Planning and Design
QLD	Higher Mass Limits - Flinders Highway
QLD	Intelligent Transport System Research and Development (Bruce Highway: Cooroy - Gympie)
QLD	Heavy Vehicle Progression and Access Project
QLD	Ipswich Motorway - priority interim safety works package.
QLD	Wacol to Darra (Stage 1)
QLD	Beatty/Balham Intersections
QLD	Truck Night Toll Waiver Trial
QLD	Number Plate Recognition Trial
QLD	Goodna Bypass corridor preservation
QLD	Bundaberg Port Road
QLD	Interchange at Mains and Kessels Road
QLD	Gateway Motorway South (Mt. Gravatt-Capalaba Road to the Pacific Motorway)
QLD	Gateway Motorway North (Nudgee Road to the Bruce Highway)
QLD	Sarina to Cairns - Black Spots
QLD	Sarina to Cairns - Rest Areas
QLD	Sarina to Cairns - Overtaking Lanes
QLD	Upgrade Southern Approach to Cairns
QLD	Vantassel Street to Cluden Duplication
QLD	Douglas Arterial Duplication
QLD	Bruce Highway - Cardwell Range North Upgrade
QLD	Townsville Port Access Road
QLD	Upgrade the Southern Approach to Mackay
QLD	Realign and raise highway from Sandy Corner to Collinsons Lagoon
QLD	Burdekin Bridge upgrade
QLD	Burdekin Road Safety Audit projects
QLD	Southern approaches to Sarina
QLD	Curra to Sarina Section - Black Spots
QLD	Curra to Sarina – Rest Areas
QLD	Curra to Sarina – Overtaking Lanes
QLD	Yeppen Flood Plain Study
QLD	Calliope Crossroads
QLD	Cabbage Tree Creek to Carman Road and Back Creek Range Section Upgrade
QLD	Upgrading of Southern Approaches to Gin Gin
QLD	New Isis River Bridge
QLD	Upgrade of Caboolture to Caloundra
QLD	Caboolture to Curra - Black Spots
QLD	Upgrade from Roma to Mitchell
QLD	Warrego Highway - Overtaking Lanes
QLD	Warrego Highway - Rest Areas
QLD	Sealing Of Peninsula Developmental Road
QLD	Wills Developmental Road Upgrade Project, Queensland
QLD	Remote Community Access Road Upgrade in Cape York - Aurukun Access Road

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State	Project Name
QLD	Remote Community Access Road Upgrades in Cape York - Bloomfield Road
QLD	Remote Community Access Road Upgrade in Cape York - Kowanyama Access Road
QLD	Lockhart River Community Access Road Project
QLD	Remote Community Road Upgrades In Cape York – Northern Peninsula Road Access
QLD	Remote Community Access Road Upgrade in Cape York - Pormpuraaw Access Road
QLD	Eton Range Crossing, Peak Downs Highway - Planning Study
QLD	Kennedy Highway Upgrades
QLD	Port of Townsville - Berth 10
QLD	Funding for maintenance expenditures up to 75% of 2005-06, 100% of 2006-07, 100% of 2007-08 and 100% of 2008-09 maintenance allocations
QLD	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (Qld), Sarina to Cairns section
QLD	Maintenance Funding - Childers to Sarina - Strengthening and Widening
QLD	Maintenance Funding - Curra to Childers - Strengthening and Widening
QLD	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (Qld), Curra to Sarina section
QLD	Maintenance Funding - Nambour Pavement Reconstruction
QLD	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (Qld), Caboolture/Sunshine Coast
QLD	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (Qld), Network
QLD	Nation Building - Additional 2008-09 Maintenance (Qld)
QLD	Warrego Highway - Brisbane Valley Highway Interchange Upgrade
QLD	Townsville Ring Road - Section 4 (Shaw Road to Mount Low)
QLD	Peak Downs Highway Safety Works
QLD	Gladstone Port Access Road - Stages 2 and 3
QLD	Mackay Ring Road Study
QLD	Yeppen Lagoon Bridge and Roundabout
QLD	Bruce Hwy - widening between Portsmith Rd and Sheehy Rd to 6 lanes and double left-turnlanes from Portsmith Rd (excludes all local link roads).
QLD	Bruce Highway - Apple Tree Creek Intersection.
QLD	Bruce Highway and Rammutt Road intersection
QLD	Bruce Hwy - strategic planning study between Corduroy & Banyan Creeks.
QLD	Warrego Hwy - grade separated interchange at the intersection of Laidley-Plainlands Rd.
QLD	Barkly Hwy - planning & construction of Nowranie Ck bridges(2) & approaches.
QLD	Alternative Northern Corridor Planning Report and Business Case for the Ipswich Motorway
QLD	Sunshine Coast Light Rail Project - Feasibility Study
QLD	Sippy Downs Drive Stage 1
QLD	Greenmount Etonvale
QLD	Old Goombungee Road upgrade
QLD	St Pauls Community Barge Access Road
SA	Nangkita Road Stage 3 construction and junctions
SA	Adelaide Freight Movements Study
SA	Port Adelaide Centre - Black Diamond Square Upgrade
SA	Magill Urban Village, Precinct Master Plan
SA	O-Bahn Track Extension (SA)
SA	The City West - Hindley Street Redevelopment Project

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SA	Hampstead/Regency/Mullers Road intersection upgrade.
SA	Northern Expressway
SA	Sturt Hwy - Overtaking lanes.
SA	Sturt Highway - Accommodation Hill Upgrade.
SA	Sturt Highway - Paringa Bridge upgrade
SA	Sturt Highway - Waikerie Bypass upgrade.
SA	Sturt Highway Planning Project.
SA	Sturt Highway - Carrara Hill Road Accelerating / Overtaking Lane
SA	Sturt Highway, Paringa to Victoria Shoulder Sealing
SA	Sturt Highway - Duplication between Gawler and Argent Road.
SA	Advanced Traffic Management System (Phase 2: Adelaide to Crafers) Project
SA	Advanced Traffic Management System (Phase 3: Crafers to Bridgewater) Project
SA	Planning study for South Road between the Port River Expressway and Regency Road
SA	Dukes Highway - Overtaking Lanes
SA	Dukes Highway Dividing Treatment Strategy
SA	Dukes Highway Pavement Rehabilitation
SA	Dukes Highway Roadside Hazard Mitigation
SA	Dukes Highway Roadside Rest Areas Upgrade
SA	Dukes Highway Upgrade - Phase 2 Roadside Rest Areas
SA	Dukes Highway, overtaking lane extensions
SA	Melbourne to Adelaide Corridor Concept Planning
SA	Sturt Highway - Renmark Intersection Upgrades
SA	Main South Road – Victor Harbor Road Intersection Upgrade
SA	Funding for maintenance expenditures by SA of up to 75% of 2005-06, 100% of 2006-07; 100% of 2007-08 and 100% of 2008-09 maintenance allocations.
SA	Nation Building - Additional 2008-09 Maintenance (SA)
SA	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (SA)
SA	Preparation for Sentencing, Processing and Archival of Plans and Records which are residual from the sale of the Australian National Railway Commission
SA	Regional Mining and Infrastructure Plans
SA	Automated Road Condition Signs
SA	Mount Gambier Bypass
SA	Kimba - Buckleboo sealing
SA	Signalised Intersection
SA	Churchill Road, Prospect
SA	Bowmans Intermodal expansion
TAS	South Riana Log Route upgrade
TAS	Spellmans Road - Cradle Country
TAS	The Tasmanian Rail Rescue Package
TAS	Bass Hwy - Westbury-Hagley Bypass.
TAS	Bass Hwy - Penguin to Ulverstone duplication, Stage 1.
TAS	Bass Hwy - Penguin to Ulverstone duplication, Stage 2.
TAS	Bridgewater Bridge Development

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TAS	Abt Railway
TAS	Western Tasmania Export Corridor Plan
TAS	Midland Highway - Brighton Bypass
TAS	Rail Capacity Improvements at Rhyndaston
TAS	Upgrade of the Burnie to Western Junction Line
TAS	Upgrade of the Hobart to Western Junction Line
TAS	Bridgewater Bridge Refurbishment and the Lyell and Midland Highway Junction Upgrade
TAS	Bagdad Bypass and Bridgewater Bridge Replacement Planning
TAS	Midland Highway - Safety Upgrade
TAS	Main North-South Line Rail Capacity Improvements
TAS	Tasman Highway Ramps – Planning
TAS	Upgrade of the Fingal Line
TAS	Upgrade of the Boyer Line
TAS	Upgrade of the Melba Flats to Burnie Line
TAS	Kingston Bypass
TAS	North East Freight Roads
TAS	Port Sorell Main Road Upgrade
TAS	Illawarra Main Road Upgrade Project
TAS	Funding for maintenance expenditures by Tasmania of up to 75% of 2005-06, 100% of 2006-07; 100% of 2007-08 and 100% of 2008-09 maintenance allocations
TAS	Nation Building - Additional 2008-09 Maintenance (Tas)
TAS	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (Tas)
TAS	Sisters Hills
TAS	Bass/Midland Hwys - junction improvements.
TAS	Formby Road Upgrade
TAS	Hobart Central Bus Interchange Planning Project
TAS	Esperance Coast Road upgrade
TAS	Redevelopment of former Kingston High School site
TAS	Greater Launceston Plan
TAS	Westbury Road - Mt Leslie Road Intersection Upgrading
TAS	White Kangaroo Road construct and seal
TAS	Macquarie Point Railyards Precinct Remediation Project
TAS	Macquarie Point Railyards Future Development Options and Benefit Cost Analysis
VIC	The Tottenham to West Footscray rail link (Tottenham-Dynon upgrade).
VIC	Rail Upgrades at Geelong Port and on the Melbourne-Adelaide Line
VIC	Bogong High Plains Road sealing
VIC	Southbank Cultural Precinct Redevelopment Blueprint
VIC	Gembrook Tonimbuk Road upgrade
VIC	Bryn Mawr Bridge
VIC	Extension of the duplication of Kangan Drive
VIC	Practical design for resilient outer suburbs - demonstrating what is possible
VIC	Principal Pedestrian Network Demonstration Project

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VIC	Hume Hwy - Albury/Wodonga Upgrade.
VIC	Donnybrook Road Grade Separation
VIC	Arcadia duplication
VIC	Deer Park Bypass and Leakes Road Interchange
VIC	Calder Hwy - Upgrading works between Faraday & Kyneton.
VIC	Calder Hwy - Faraday to Ravenswood Duplication
VIC	Princes Highway - Geelong Bypass
VIC	Dynon Port Rail Link
VIC	The Wodonga Rail Bypass
VIC	Mildura Rail Corridor Freight Upgrade Project.
VIC	Port of Melbourne Rail Access Improvement Project
VIC	West Gate Bridge Strengthening
VIC	Princes Highway East (Traralgon to Sale)
VIC	Geelong Ring Road Stage 4A
VIC	Geelong Ring Road Stage 4B (Anglesea Road to Princes Highway)
VIC	Western Highway - Realignment of Anthonys Cutting between Melton and Bacchus Marsh
VIC	Western Highway Duplication Ballarat to Stawell
VIC	Western Highway Upgrade - Stawell to SA border
VIC	Nagambie Bypass (Goulburn Valley Highway)
VIC	Kings Road Interchange (Calder Freeway)
VIC	Avenue of Honour Rail Crossing - City of Ballarat
VIC	Duplication of the Princes Highway from Waurn Ponds to Winchelsea
VIC	Princes Highway West - Planning for Winchelsea to Colac
VIC	Altona Intermodal Terminals Access
VIC	Springvale - Whitehorse Roads Upgrade Project
VIC	Colac-Lavers Hill Road Improvements
VIC	Clyde Road upgrade
VIC	Metropolitan Ring Road Upgrade - Edgars Road to Plenty Road
VIC	Funding for maintenance expenditures by Victoria up to 75% of 2005-06, 100% of 2006-07, 100% of 2007-08 and 100% of 2008-09 maintenance allocations.
VIC	National Building - Additional 2008-09 Maintenance
VIC	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (Vic)
VIC	Great Alpine Road
VIC	Safety improvement works on the Western/Metropolitan Ring Road.
VIC	Allies Road upgrade
VIC	Shepparton Intermodal Terminal Stage 1
VIC	Albacutya Road Bridge improvements
VIC	Wimmera Intermodal Terminal at Doon
VIC	Arundel and Annandale Roads
VIC	Sorrento Ferry Terminal Roundabout
VIC	Eurambeen Streatham Road
VIC	Toolern Train Station Feasibility Project
VIC	Bayview Road Belgrave Roundabout

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VIC	Wray Crescent Mt Evelyn duplication and traffic signals
VIC	Warrnambool Intermodal Terminal
VIC	Bridges Across Gippsland
VIC	The Greenfield - Tarneit West
WA	WA Grain Freight Review
WA	Ranford Road construction
WA	Cockburn Central - Integrated Facility Precinct Structure Plan
WA	Willagee Structure Plan
WA	Hepburn Avenue Stage 2 Extension
WA	Hepburn Avenue Upgrade
WA	Great Eastern Hwy, planning & preconstruction for 5 passing lanes between Northam & The Lakes & construction of 4 of these passing lanes.
WA	Swan Valley Bypass
WA	Great Eastern Hwy, Clackline Bypass.
WA	Great Northern Highway - Dunham River Bridge & associated roadworks.
WA	Great Northern Hwy - planning & preconstruction activities for the Fitzroy to Gogo section.
WA	Great Northern Hwy, upgrading from Lennard St to Muchea.
WA	Great Northern Hwy, construction of passing lanes, realignment and reconstruction between Muchea & Wubin.
WA	Eyre Hwy, Widening and reconstruction at Caiguna East and Balladonia West.
WA	Network Intelligence and Freight Travel Information (Kewdale to Fremantle Port) Project
WA	Floodway Road Closure monitoring and Traveller Information System (Great Northern Highway in the Kimberley Region) Project
WA	Improving Accuracy of Weigh in Motion Data Collection using Strain Gauge Technology (Culway system) Project
WA	Daddow Road Grade Separation
WA	Great Eastern and Roe Highway Interchange
WA	Great Eastern Highway Upgrade, Kooyong Road to Tonkin Highway
WA	New Perth-Bunbury Highway upgrade.
WA	Port Hedland Improvements Project (Stage 2 - Realignment of Great Northern Highway)
WA	Port Hedland Improvements project
WA	Kwinana Freeway Widening and Upgrade, Leach Highway to Roe Highway
WA	Abernethy Road – Tonkin Highway Onramp
WA	Dampier Highway duplication, Broadhurst Road to Dampier
WA	Big McPhee Bridge and Approaches
WA	Mandurah Entrance Road
WA	New Interchange at the Reid Highway/Alexander Drive Intersection
WA	Improved Access to Esperance Port
WA	Funding for maintenance expenditures up to 75% of 2005-06, 100% of 2006-07 and 100% of 2007-08 maintenance allocations.
WA	Nation Building - Additional 2008-09 Maintenance (WA)
WA	2009-10 to 2013-14 National Network Maintenance (WA)
WA	Heavy Use Industrial Land Strategy

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WA	Kewdale Intermodal Rail Supply Chain
WA	PortLink Inland Freight Corridor Concept Plan
WA	Perth City Link
WA	WA Grain Rail
WA	Trial of Low Profile Concrete Sleepers on the WA Grain Lines
WA	Eastern Goldfields Railway Resleepering
WA	Eastern Goldfields Railway Crossing Loop Extensions.
WA	Yuna Tenindewa Road upgrade
WA	Abernethy Road dualing
WA	Outback Way
WA	Wanerie Road upgrade
WA	Stirling Terrace upgrade
WA	Rockingham Strategic Regional Centre Renewal - Sustainable Development Demonstration Project
Cross-Jurisdiction	Implement CDMA telecommunications across the interstate rail network between Brisbane & Perth.
Cross-Jurisdiction	Melbourne - Brisbane Inland Rail Alignment Study

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Question no.: 80

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Bridge in Taree

Proof Hansard Page: 80 (24/02/2014)

Chair asked:

CHAIR: The Mayor of Taree is pretty concerned about \$12 million that was promised for a bridge up there. When would be the appropriate time to ask what happened to the money? It has disappeared.

Mr Mrdak: I think it would have been under infrastructure this morning. I am happy to take it on notice.

Answer:

Funding of \$12.5 million for the Greater Taree Roads and Bridges Package project was committed by the former Government under the Community Infrastructure Grants Program.

The project was to be undertaken in two stages with the former Government approving \$1.1 million for Stage One which was completed in August 2013. Funding for Stage Two was not approved by the former Government prior to the 2013 Federal Election.

The Department wrote to Greater Taree City Council on 11 December 2013 advising that funding for Stage Two of the project would not proceed.

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Question no.: 81

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Central Arnhem Highway

Proof Hansard Page: 110 (24/02/2014)

Senator Peris asked:

Senator PERIS: —are you considering committing to the national building infrastructure development of upgrading the Central Arnhem Highway to an all-weather road and thus opening up economic opportunities to the region and the communities within the region? This would give the people of the region access to Australia should air services decline with population declining.

Mr Mrdak: We have two major projects in that part. The government is providing a total of \$54 million for the upgrading of Central Arnhem's roads major streams crossing at a number of locations, and then also providing \$11 million towards the upgrading of the Arnhem link roads. Those two projects are proceeding as part of our infrastructure package in the Northern Territory.

Senator PERIS: Are you able to give me a breakdown of where you are at with that?

Mr Mrdak: I can take that on notice, if you do not mind? We can give you a description of each of the projects and the timetable for those.

Senator PERIS: Yes, thank you.

Answer:

The Australian Government is providing funding through the Community, Beef and Mining Roads Package and the Regional Roads Productivity Package towards upgrades on roads providing access to the Arnhem region of the Northern Territory. Details of the projects are as follows:

Central Arnhem Road

- The Australian Government is providing a total of \$54 million for the upgrading of major stream crossings at Mainoru River Crossings, Goyder River, Badalngarmirri (Donydji) River Crossings and Rocky Bottom Creek.
- The Mainoru River project is completed. Works at Goyder River and Donydji are underway, with the Rocky Bottom Creek project in planning.

Arnhem Highway

- The Australian Government has provided \$20 million for a range of works including, flood immunity improvements, pavement sealing and strengthening and widening, safety upgrades, plus construction of new overtaking lanes and truck parking bays.
- These works are ongoing with completion expected late 2014.

Arnhem Link Road

- The Australian Government is providing \$9 million towards an \$11 million project to upgrade sections of the Arnhem Link Roads to a good standard gravel road with improved flood immunity.
- The project is in the early phase of development, with the sections of the road to be upgraded to be determined through further planning works.

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Question no.: 82

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Regional Development Australia Fund

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Heffernan asked:

The Abbott government gave an undertaking in early December 2013 to honour all uncontracted projects approved under RDAF rounds 2, 3 and 4 and the Community Infrastructure Grants program.

1. Please explain why the uncontracted \$11.4 million provided for Stage 2 of the \$12.5 million roads and bridges project for Greater Taree City Council and approved through the CIG Program was apparently excluded from this undertaking.
2. How did this occur and were any instructions received regarding specific local government areas?
3. Did any other council also lose funding for uncontracted projects?

Answer:

1. Decision of Government.
2. Decision of Government.
3. No.

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Question no.: 83

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Regional Development Australia Fund

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. Can you confirm for the Committee that grants Round 5 and 5A of RDAF was approved by the last Government prior to caretaker mode?
2. Can you advise the Committee of when and by whom the decision was made to not fund these grants that were previously approved?
3. Can you advise if the \$350 million from Round 5 and 5A is still with RDAF or your Department?
4. Has any decision been made yet on what is being funded with the \$350 million?
5. Is the Government using these funds for its new Strong Regions Fund?
6. What process will be used or was used for allocating this funding?
7. If no decision on what is happening with it – when do you expect a decision to be made in relation to the remaining \$350 million?

Answer:

1. Decisions to conduct Rounds Five (Allocative) and Five B of the Regional Development Australia Fund programme were taken prior to caretaker mode. No projects were approved for funding prior to or during the caretaker period.
2. The decision to terminate the Regional Development Australia Fund and not to fund uncontracted projects from Rounds Five (Allocative) and Five B was taken by the Government.
3. Uncommitted funds from Rounds Five (Allocative) and Five B have been returned to the Budget.
- 4-7. See response to question 3.

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Question no.: 84

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Community Development Grants Program

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. Minister Truss announced the new Community Development Grants program on 4 December 2013 through a media release; can you advise if there has been a process for allocating this \$342 million?
2. In what financial years is the \$342 million being made available?
3. Can you confirm if any Coalition election commitments will be funded from this program? If yes, what projects and how much. If so, will all of the funding be used to fund Coalition election commitments?
If not, how much funding will be unallocated?
4. Can you identify which projects were part of the Regional Development Australia Fund and Community Infrastructure Grant program?
5. Is Minister Truss or Assistant Minister Briggs responsible for funding decision for this program?
6. How have projects been identified?
7. Are Regional Development Australia bodies being consulted in the development of the projects? If not, which projects have not had involvement from the RDA?

Answer:

1. The Community Development Grants Programme Guidelines, released on 4 December 2013, state that the programme will fund projects including the Government's 2013 election commitments and Government selected uncontracted projects from the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) and Community Infrastructure Grant (CIG) Program.
2. The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Portfolio Additional Estimates includes appropriation for the Community Development Grants Programme as follows:

2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)
22.00	160.0	140.0	20.0

3. The programme will fund projects including the Government's 2013 election commitment and Government selected uncontracted projects from the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) and Community Infrastructure Grant (CIG) Program. 294 projects have been identified, with a total funding of \$307,065,332. A list of projects is attached (Attachment A).
4. See attached list of Community Development Grants projects that were previously uncontracted RDAF and CIG projects (Attachment B).
5. Assistant Minister Jamie Briggs MP.
6. Decision of Government.

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7. Regional Development Australia bodies were not consulted in the selection of projects.

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Community Development Grants Programme*

Project	Government Funding (\$)	State
Norfolk Island Port Facilities Upgrade - Stage 2	13,000,000	
Havelock House Refurbishment and Repairs	130,000	ACT
Andrews Road Baseball Complex - Safety Fence	26,000	NSW
Andromeda Oval, Cranebrook - Upgrade Drainage	25,500	NSW
Armidale Airport Upgrade	3,500,000	NSW
ARU TG Millner Field Multi-purpose Community and High Performance Facility North Ryde	10,000,000	NSW
Berry School of Arts Upgrade	300,000	NSW
Birpai Shed for Community Men and Women	85,000	NSW
Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon Tourism	255,000	NSW
Brendan Franklin Oval, Terrigal - Drainage	100,000	NSW
Campbelltown City Kangaroos Rugby League Club Amenities Block Upgrade	200,000	NSW
Cape Hawke Surf Club Redevelopment	450,000	NSW
Cessnock Clay Target Club Footpath	15,000	NSW
Clarence Valley Regional Airport Upgrade Project	1,060,000	NSW
Cobar Skate Park Entertainment Hub	200,000	NSW
Concord Junior Soccer Club Amenities Upgrade	500,000	NSW
Construction of Orange Regional Museum and Cultural Square	4,000,000	NSW
Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club Upgrade	50,000	NSW
Cronulla Surf Club Upgrade	100,000	NSW
Design, Construction and Furnishing of Captains Flat Multipurpose Health Centre	482,250	NSW
Dunn and Lewis Memorial Centre	2,000,000	NSW
Eastwood Ryde Netball Association - Club Room Upgrade	10,000	NSW
Elouera Surf Club Upgrade	100,000	NSW
Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome Museum	185,000	NSW
Gloucester High School Bus	45,000	NSW
Grafton Hockey Club Upgrade	560,000	NSW
Grafton Rugby League Goal Posts	13,800	NSW
Gresford Sporting Complex Lighting	25,000	NSW
Greygums Reserve Upgrade Turf	60,000	NSW
Hickey's Park, Penrith Playing Surface Upgrade	45,000	NSW
Hunter Fields, Emu Plains - Lighting Upgrade	20,000	NSW
Hydrotherapy Pool For Seniors - Wentworthville Merrylands	500,000	NSW
Iluka/Woomba Men's Shed Establishment	13,000	NSW
Jamieson Park Shade Cloths and Canteen Upgrade	90,000	NSW
Joan Nicoll Tennis Centre - Stage 1 and 2	250,000	NSW
Kariong United Football Club - Lighting	40,000	NSW
Kiama Blowhole Harbourside Works	400,000	NSW

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Kibbleplex Learning and Development Centre Upgrade	7,000,000	NSW
Knox Park Youth Precinct	500,000	NSW
Kolora Aged Care Facility - Dementia Wing	500,000	NSW
Lifeline Broken Hill-Community Neighbourhood Centre Development	500,000	NSW
Local Skills and Jobs Centre on the NSW Central Coast	2,700,000	NSW
Lord Howe Aerodrome Works	4,000,000	NSW
Lynwood Park Artificial Grass	500,000	NSW
McLachlan Park - Connecting to the Clarence	500,000	NSW
Men's Shed Upgrade Sanctuary Point	10,000	NSW
Mid-Richmond Neighbourhood Scout Hall Kitchen Renovation	23,500	NSW
Murwillumbah Football Club Upgrade	185,000	NSW
Narellan Jets Field Upgrade	200,000	NSW
Netball Centre of Excellence Construction	3,000,000	NSW
New England Regional Art Museum Air Conditioning Upgrade	250,000	NSW
Norah Head Boat Ramp Replacement	700,000	NSW
North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment	500,000	NSW
North Cronulla Surf Club	100,000	NSW
North Epping Multipurpose Playing Courts	50,000	NSW
North Ryde Dockers Hall Upgrade	93,000	NSW
Northern Gateway – Regional Transport Access Infrastructure	10,000,000	NSW
Our Place: The South Kempsey Recreational Parklands Project	500,000	NSW
Parkes Regional Airport Redevelopment	1,500,000	NSW
Parramatta Men's Shed (Kamballa Precinct) - Supply of Tools and Equipment	10,000	NSW
Picton Showground Lighting Upgrade	250,000	NSW
Pole Depot Community Centre - Support to Construct New Community Facility	500,000	NSW
Port Macquarie Indoor Sports Stadium Upgrade	2,800,000	NSW
Port Macquarie Surf Lifesaving Club Upgrade	110,000	NSW
Port Macquarie Tennis Club Lighting and Fencing	90,000	NSW
Riverside Soccer Club Room Development	170,000	NSW
Rothwell Park Change Rooms	500,000	NSW
Round the Bay Pathway - Orion and Callala Sections (Jervis Bay)	450,000	NSW
Ryde Riverwalk Development	1,100,000	NSW
Ryde-Carlisle Swimming Club - Starting Blocks	20,000	NSW
Shoalhaven PCYC New Equipment Purchase	10,000	NSW
Shoalhaven Skate Parks - Construction of Three Facilities	300,000	NSW
Skate Parks - Wallalong	60,000	NSW
Snug Cove Redevelopment – Eden	10,000,000	NSW
South East Equestrian Club	110,000	NSW
Surf Life Saving NSW Port Macquarie Operations and Training Centre	1,051,243	NSW
Sustainable Heating for Special Needs Pool Mater Dei School	335,000	NSW
Sydney Multicultural Arts and Sport Precinct	4,000,000	NSW

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Taree Motor Cycle Club Facility Upgrade	70,000	NSW
Treagar Park Football Stadium Upgrade	150,000	NSW
Tuggerah Sporting Precinct (Central Coast Regional Sporting and Recreation Complex)	1,000,000	NSW
University of the 3rd Age Upgrade	50,000	NSW
Upgrade Seiffert Oval and Stadium	500,000	NSW
Upgrade to Brookvale Oval Manly	10,000,000	NSW
Upgrading Thunderbolts Way	3,840,000	NSW
Wanda Surf Club Upgrade	100,000	NSW
Werris Creek Community Shed Facility	80,000	NSW
Western Sydney Community and Sports Precinct	12,000,000	NSW
Wherrett Park Sporting Upgrade	950,000	NSW
William Lawson Park Netball Courts Upgrade	100,000	NSW
Wingham Scouts Facility Refurbishment	50,000	NSW
Woy Woy Oval Upgrade	3,500,000	NSW
NT Table Tennis Association	13,000	NT
Palmerston Football Club Amenities Block Upgrade	8,700	NT
South Darwin Rugby League Club Upgrade	99,000	NT
Stockman's Hall of Fame Upgrade and Support	5,000,000	NT
Tennant Creek Regional Sporting Facilities Upgrade	3,600,000	NT
Tennis Alice Springs Club House Upgrade	295,000	NT
The Mulka Project Digital Learning Centre	460,000	NT
Washbay Shade Structure - Berrimah Riding School	5,200	NT
Beenleigh Town Centre Upgrade	3,000,000	QLD
Billy Sing Memorial	50,000	QLD
Blackwater Aquatic Centre Upgrade	500,000	QLD
Boonah Showgrounds Upgrade	250,000	QLD
Bracken Ridge Little Athletics Lighting Upgrade	150,000	QLD
Brisbane Broncos Leagues Club Sporting Grounds Redevelopment	5,000,000	QLD
Brisbane Inner North Sporting Community Facilities Upgrade	750,000	QLD
Bundaberg Surf Lifesaving Club Extension	400,000	QLD
Burringbar Park Facility Upgrade	300,000	QLD
Caboolture Sports Centre Netball Precinct	250,000	QLD
Campbelltown Leisure Centre – Redevelopment	7,500,000	QLD
Castle Hill Solar Lighting	650,000	QLD
Cooloola Coast Medical Transport Construction	120,000	QLD
Dakabin Train Station - Vehicle Access	300,000	QLD
Discover Eumundi Heritage and Visitor Centre Extension	165,000	QLD
Easts Rugby Union Club - Cooparoo Light Installation	100,000	QLD
Flood Mitigation Works at Dale Street Burpengary	1,900,000	QLD
Gayndah Emergency Coord Centre Construction	1,106,000	QLD
GPS Rugby Club Ashgrove Facilities Upgrade	250,000	QLD
Gracemere Streetscape Project	70,000	QLD
Gumdale Scouts Car Park Construction	26,000	QLD
Hervey Bay Hockey Association Synthetic Turf	350,000	QLD

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Project	Government Funding (\$)	State
Hervey Bay Surf Lifesaving Club Tower	100,000	QLD
Improving the Gympie Music Muster Site Facilities	450,000	QLD
Ipswich Hockey Centre Refurbishment	250,000	QLD
Jindalee AFL Club Equipment	7,500	QLD
Jindalee Golf Club Fence Upgrade	35,000	QLD
Kawana Soccer Fields Upgrade	25,000	QLD
Labrador Cricket Club Fence Upgrade	45,000	QLD
Labrador Men's Shed Extension	77,000	QLD
Mackay Gymnastics Relocation	750,000	QLD
Mackay Junior Soccer Grounds Relocation	1,000,000	QLD
Maryborough Hockey Club Lighting Upgrade	150,000	QLD
Meals on Wheels Rockhampton Kitchen Redevelopment	300,000	QLD
Meteors Sports Club Change Room Upgrade	200,000	QLD
Mossman Botanic Gardens	1,400,000	QLD
Mount Gravatt Men's Shed - Stage 2 Construction and Fit Out of Existing Facility	100,000	QLD
Mount Morgan Showgrounds Project Refurbishment	50,000	QLD
Moura Recreation Ground Dressing Shed	200,000	QLD
Northern Beaches Community Centre and Cyclone Evacuation Shelter	5,000,000	QLD
OzHarvest Grant	125,000	QLD
PCYC - Deception Bay (Construction)	450,000	QLD
Pine Central Holy Spirit Rugby League Football Club - New Clubhouse	500,000	QLD
Pine Rivers Hospital Feasibility Study	250,000	QLD
Pines Hill Football Club, Arana Hills Storage and Shelter	259,000	QLD
Redcliffe Dolphins Facilities Upgrade	220,000	QLD
Regional (VET) Training Accommodation Facility (RTAF)	2,000,000	QLD
Sandgate-Redcliffe Junior Cricket Club Lighting	150,000	QLD
SES Volunteer Grants - Beenleigh	10,000	QLD
SES Volunteer Grants - Logan West	10,000	QLD
Stars Softball Sporting Association Equipment Grant	13,500	QLD
Sth Rockhampton Flood Levee	416,000	QLD
Sunnybank Men's Shed Equipment Upgrade	15,000	QLD
Toowoomba and Region Community for Community (C4C) Flexi-School Intergenerational Mentoring Hub	793,000	QLD
Torres Strait Coastal Protection Works	5,000,000	QLD
Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre Upgrade	5,000,000	QLD
Townsville Showgrounds Amenities Upgrade	500,000	QLD
Upgrade NPA Airport Refuelling Services	480,000	QLD
Weigall Oval Drainage	35,000	QLD
West Brisbane Falcons Basketball Club Upgrade	5,000	QLD
Yandina Park Mansfield Clubhouse Facility Construction	54,000	QLD
Burnie Indoor Pool Expansion	3,000,000	SA
Burnside Hockey Club Facilities Relocation	400,000	SA
Eastern Park Football Club Upgrade	200,000	SA

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Elliston Coastal Trail	802,593	SA
Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre	7,500,000	SA
Gawler Youth Recreational Precinct	120,420	SA
Glenelg Foreshore Upgrade	500,000	SA
Henley Square Redevelopment	2,000,000	SA
Hewett Shared Use Path – Regional Connector Upgrade Project	172,826	SA
Kauri Parade Sporting Community Precinct Holdfast Bay	5,000,000	SA
Kilburn Football and Cricket Club Upgrade	28,000	SA
Norman Reserve Backstop and Netting Project	75,000	SA
Plympton Sporting and Recreation Club Clubrooms Upgrade	60,000	SA
Port MacDonnell Marine Infrastructure Development	726,127	SA
Renmark Town Centre Revitalisation	376,280	SA
SA Health Institute	500,000	SA
Seaton Ramblers Football Club Upgrade	200,000	SA
Smithton Recreation Areas	450,000	SA
Waikerie Sports Precinct - Stage 2 Development	441,272	SA
Bendigo RSL Museum & Memorial Hall-Refurbishment Planning	180,000	TAS
Boroondara Netball Association (BNA) - Court Resurfacing Project	15,000	TAS
Cradle Coast Outriggers Canoe Club House and Storage Facility	85,000	TAS
Devonport Soccer Grounds Upgrade	1,100,000	TAS
Dunalley Community Hall Rebuild	250,000	TAS
George Town Cricket Club Repairs	25,000	TAS
George Town Sports Complex Storm Water Harvesting and Irrigation	447,500	TAS
Invermay Park Development - Upgrade of Grounds, Drainage and New Lights	1,250,000	TAS
Meercroft Park Devonport Hockey Surface Replacement	200,000	TAS
North East Mountain Bike Trails	2,454,000	TAS
Abruzzo Molise Italian Club	8,500	VIC
African Australian Union Equipment	13,000	VIC
Anglicare WA Community Parks Project	5,000	VIC
Ash Wednesday Memorial Cockatoo	500,000	VIC
Ashwood Reserve Pavilion Development	150,000	VIC
Ballam Park Athletics Centre - Synthetic Track Resurfacing	200,000	VIC
Banyul Warri Fields Stage 2 - Youth Recreation and Play Zone	500,000	VIC
Belgrave South Football Club - Contribution to Ground Redevelopment	250,000	VIC
Bonegilla Boardwalk and Bike Track	405,721	VIC
Brandon Park (Freeway Reserve) Lighting & Carpark Seating	300,000	VIC
Chinese Senior Citizens Club Equipment Upgrade	5,000	VIC
Colac Central Reserve Upgrade	2,500,000	VIC
Dereel Men's Shed	40,000	VIC
East Bairnsdale Flood Mitigation	1,000,000	VIC
East Ringwood Cricket Club Pavilion Upgrade	500,000	VIC
Eildon Park Reserve - Construction of New Pavilion	600,000	VIC
Elmore Events Centre Amenities and Stables Development	500,000	VIC

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Emerald Primary School Basketball Centre	1,500,000	VIC
Emerald Sporting Club - Clubroom Development	500,000	VIC
Fairpark Reserve Fence	81,500	VIC
Frankston Park - Dolphins Function Centre	200,000	VIC
Frankston War Memorial Relocation	100,000	VIC
Geelong Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases - Construction of Research Hub	3,000,000	VIC
Glen Waverly (Capital Reserve) Pavilion Upgrade	250,000	VIC
Greater Shepparton Regional Sports Precinct	7,190,000	VIC
Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria	455,000	VIC
Grovedale Sporting Club Lighting Upgrade	200,000	VIC
Guide Dog Facilities Enhancement Project	2,000,000	VIC
Healesville Hospital - Business Case Study	55,000	VIC
Healesville Junior Football Club (Queens Park Sports Pavilion) - Shelter Extension and Canteen Upgrade	75,000	VIC
Healesville Sporting Complex (Don Road Reserve) - Sports Pavilion	500,000	VIC
Heidelberg Starts Soccer Lighting Upgrade	50,000	VIC
Heidelberg United Football Club	5,000	VIC
Hilltop Recreation Association - Lights and Kitchen Upgrade	50,000	VIC
JW Manson Reserve Pavilion Extension	40,000	VIC
Kilmore War Memorial - Upgrade	10,000	VIC
Knox Athletics Track Concrete Terracing	40,000	VIC
Knox Gardens Reserve Upgrades	110,000	VIC
Knox Honour Roll	80,000	VIC
Kyneton Community Park Construction	500,000	VIC
Lake Colac Master Plan	50,000	VIC
Lakesfield Oval Lighting	100,000	VIC
Langwarrin Men's Shed Construction	225,000	VIC
Larpen Reserve, Glen Waverley Ground Upgrade	100,000	VIC
Launching Place Primary School - Parking Area Construction	160,000	VIC
Laurimar Football Club Pavilion Upgrade	300,000	VIC
Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball Association - Court Shelters	60,000	VIC
Long Island Foreshore Precinct Public Realm -Redevelopment (Frankston)	1,250,000	VIC
Macedon Ranges Netball Association Outdoor Courts	325,000	VIC
Melville Oval Lighting Hamilton	125,000	VIC
Meredith Integrated Community Hub	480,000	VIC
METEC - Minor Capital Works at Practical Driver Training School	100,000	VIC
Monbulk Netball Courts - Upgrade and Shelter Construction	15,000	VIC
Monbulk Soccer Club Facilities Upgrade	2,000,000	VIC
Mornington Peninsula Tour Signage	175,000	VIC
Mornington Youth Centre Refurbishment	800,000	VIC
Mount Alexander Shire Accommodation and Respite Group - Construction of New Facility	300,000	VIC
Mt Evelyn Netball Club Upgrade Construction of Change Room	45,000	VIC
Norwood Sporting Club Pavilion Upgrade	400,000	VIC

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Officer Football/Netball Clubs - Toilet Block	380,000	VIC
Rokewood War Memorial	30,000	VIC
Rowville Football Club - Seebeck Oval Facilities Upgrade	24,000	VIC
Scoresby Football Ground (Exner Reserve) Lighting Upgrade	80,000	VIC
Scoresby Junior Football Club Electronic Scoreboard	20,000	VIC
Seaford Community Centre Roof Restoration	20,000	VIC
Shell Road Reserve, Ocean Grove Park Upgrade	3,500,000	VIC
St Haralambos Church Equipment Funding	15,000	VIC
Sunbury Roos Football Club Lighting	150,000	VIC
Templeton Reserve Upgrade	120,000	VIC
Toomah Centre Upgrade	1,000,000	VIC
Upgrade of Amenities at Chinese Association of Victoria Cultural Centre	5,000	VIC
Upwey Community Recreational and Sporting Hub	500,000	VIC
Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk - Stage 3	500,000	VIC
Walker Park Community Safety Netting Project Mitcham Football Club	30,000	VIC
Walker Reserve Upgrade of Cricket Nets	207,000	VIC
Wally H Tew Reserve Upgrade - Ferntree Gully Eagles Football Club	69,300	VIC
Warburton Football Club Upgrade Goal Posts	10,000	VIC
Water Infrastructure In Golden Plains Food Production and Employment Precinct	4,170,000	VIC
We Care Van Replacement Project	25,000	VIC
Whittlesea Football and Netball Club Outdoor Lights and Hot Water System	262,000	VIC
Woodend Youth Facility Upgrade	50,000	VIC
Woodland Waters Reserve and Pavilion (Mernda Football and Netball Club)	2,500,000	VIC
Woori Yallock Primary School - Car Park Construction	220,000	VIC
Yarra Junction Sports Pavilion (Storage)	50,000	VIC
Yarra Valley Tourist Railway	3,560,000	VIC
Boddington Community Resource Centre	14,000	WA
Broome Volunteer Sea Rescue	500,000	WA
Busselton Regional Airport Terminal Expansion Project - Stage 1b	500,000	WA
City of South Perth Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study	45,000	WA
Civic Infrastructure Wellbeing Project	500,000	WA
Construction of the Christmas Island Senior Citizens Centre	450,000	WA
Denmark Riverside Club Inc. Stage I	500,000	WA
Development of the Ningaloo Cultural Centre for \$30M	7,000,000	WA
Esperance Waterfront - Sustainable Infrastructure	400,000	WA
Great Southern Centennial Park	8,250,000	WA
Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre Waiting Room Upgrade	4,500	WA
Kwinana Adventure Playground	2,000,000	WA
Mandurah Aquatic Centre Redevelopment	10,000,000	WA
Mandurah Migrant Centre Equipment	9,000	WA
Regional Physical Activity & Education Centre at Cockburn Central	10,000,000	WA

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Project	Government Funding (\$)	State
West		
RFDS Base Broome	2,700,000	WA
Sounness Park Community Recreation Development	1,004,300	WA
Stage 2 Boyup Brook Music Park Infrastructure	155,300	WA
The Am Buddhist Association Equipment	2,000	WA

*Funding will be subject to a value with public money assessment by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development in accordance with the Community Development Grants Programme guidelines.

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Community Development Grants Projects That Were Previously Uncontracted

Regional Development Australia Fund Projects

Project	CDG Funding Amount (\$)	State
Norfolk Island Port Facilities Upgrade - Stage 2	13,000,000	
Cape Hawke Surf Club Redevelopment	450,000	NSW
Clarence Valley Regional Airport Upgrade Project	1,060,000	NSW
Cobar Skate Park Entertainment Hub	200,000	NSW
Construction of Orange Regional Museum and Cultural Square	4,000,000	NSW
Design, Construction and Furnishing of Captains Flat Multipurpose Health Centre	482,250	NSW
Kiama Blowhole Harbourside Works	400,000	NSW
Knox Park Youth Precinct	500,000	NSW
Lifeline Broken Hill-Community Neighbourhood Centre Development	500,000	NSW
McLachlan Park - Connecting to the Clarence	500,000	NSW
Northern Gateway – Regional Transport Access Infrastructure	10,000,000	NSW
Our Place: The South Kempsey Recreational Parklands Project	500,000	NSW
Parkes Regional Airport Redevelopment	1,500,000	NSW
Snug Cove Redevelopment – Eden	10,000,000	NSW
Surf Life Saving NSW Port Macquarie Operations and Training Centre	1,051,243	NSW
Sydney Multicultural Arts and Sport Precinct	4,000,000	NSW
Upgrading Thunderbolts Way	3,840,000	NSW
Western Sydney Community and Sports Precinct	12,000,000	NSW
Tennant Creek Regional Sporting Facilities Upgrade	3,600,000	NT
The Mulka Project Digital Learning Centre	460,000	NT
Blackwater Aquatic Centre Upgrade	500,000	QLD
Discover Eumundi Heritage and Visitor Centre Extension	165,000	QLD
Improving the Gympie Music Muster Site Facilities	450,000	QLD
Regional (VET) Training Accommodation Facility (RTAF)	2,000,000	QLD
Toowoomba and Region Community for Community (C4C) Flexi-School Intergenerational Mentoring Hub	793,000	QLD
Torres Strait Coastal Protection Works	5,000,000	QLD
Upgrade NPA Airport Refuelling Services	480,000	QLD
Elliston Coastal Trail	802,593	SA
Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre	7,500,000	SA
Gawler Youth Recreational Precinct	120,420	SA
Hewett Shared Use Path – Regional Connector Upgrade Project	172,826	SA
Port MacDonnell Marine Infrastructure Development	726,127	SA
Renmark Town Centre Revitalisation	376,280	SA
Waikerie Sports Precinct - Stage 2 Development	441,272	SA
North East Mountain Bike Trails	2,454,000	TAS

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Project	CDG Funding Amount (\$)	State
Ash Wednesday Memorial Cockatoo	500,000	VIC
Banyul Warri Fields Stage 2 - Youth Recreation and Play Zone	500,000	VIC
Bonegilla Boardwalk and Bike Track	405,721	VIC
Elmore Events Centre Amenities and Stables Development	500,000	VIC
Geelong Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases - Construction of Research Hub	3,000,000	VIC
Greater Shepparton Regional Sports Precinct	7,190,000	VIC
Meredith Integrated Community Hub	480,000	VIC
Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk - Stage 3	500,000	VIC
Water Infrastructure In Golden Plains Food Production and Employment Precinct	4,170,000	VIC
Yarra Valley Tourist Railway	3,560,000	VIC
Busselton Regional Airport Terminal Expansion Project - Stage 1b	500,000	WA
Civic Infrastructure Wellbeing Project	500,000	WA
Construction of the Christmas Island Senior Citizens Centre	450,000	WA
Denmark Riverside Club Inc. Stage I	500,000	WA
Development of the Ningaloo Cultural Centre for \$30M	7,000,000	WA
Esperance Waterfront - Sustainable Infrastructure	400,000	WA
Great Southern Centennial Park	8,250,000	WA
Regional Physical Activity & Education Centre at Cockburn Central West	10,000,000	WA
RFDS Base Broome	2,700,000	WA
Sounness Park Community Recreation Development	1,004,300	WA
Stage 2 Boyup Brook Music Park Infrastructure	155,300	WA

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Community Infrastructure Grants Projects

Project	CDG Funding Amount (\$)	State
Gloucester High School Bus	45,000	NSW
Lord Howe Aerodrome Works	4,000,000	NSW
New England Regional Art Museum Air Conditioning Upgrade	250,000	NSW
Port Macquarie Indoor Sports Stadium Upgrade	2,800,000	NSW
Ryde Riverwalk Development	1,100,000	NSW
Taree Motor Cycle Club Facility Upgrade	70,000	NSW
University of the 3rd Age Upgrade	50,000	NSW
Werris Creek Community Shed Facility	80,000	NSW
Wingham Scouts Facility Refurbishment	50,000	NSW
Mackay Junior Soccer Grounds Relocation	1,000,000	QLD
Burnside Hockey Club Facilities Relocation	400,000	SA
Dunalley Community Hall Rebuild	250,000	TAS
Monbulk Soccer Club Facilities Upgrade	2,000,000	VIC

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Question no.: 85

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Community Development Grants Program

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Regarding 2013-14 MYEFO measure Community Development Grants Program – establishment can the department provide:

1. A list of all projects (including State, location and proponent) included in the program
2. The forward estimate profile for each project
3. The amount of uncommitted funding remaining (if any), and the forward estimate profile of that funding

Answer:

1. Refer to 84 question 3.
2. The Department does not have sufficient information on all projects to provide funding profiles.
3. N/A.

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Question no.: 86

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Community Development Grants Program

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Can the Department confirm that the guidelines for the Community Development Grants program (CDGP) met the requirements of the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines?

1. Did the Department seek the approval of the Department of Finance prior to the release of the CDGP guidelines?
2. Did the Finance Minister approve the CDGP guidelines?
3. Did Finance discuss, or provide comment on the CDGP guidelines to the Department?

Answer:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes

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Question no.: 87

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Stronger Regions Fund

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. The scrapping of RDAF Round 5 and 5B would have put a total of \$350 million back into the Department's budget. Has the Department reallocated these funds? Will these funds be used for the National Stronger Regions Fund?
2. The announcement of the 'National Stronger Regions Fund' was made during the federal election campaign. Has the Department provided advice as to the suitability and effectiveness of the new fund versus the RDAF?
3. Can you confirm the total number of projects announced under RDAF Round 5 and 5b?
4. Will any of these projects be funded by the new fund, or any other fund the Department controls? If so, which funds?
5. Can you outline the development process for the guidelines and criteria of this fund? I understand that it's a 50/50 co-investment fund, but can you tell me the guidelines that are in place around which projects will and won't be funded?
6. Will each Local Government across Australia get a minimum allocation from this fund?
7. Given this fund is targeted at communities with a poor socio-economic indicators and high unemployment, it could be expected that many small community groups may not have the resources to raise 50% of the funding for an otherwise worthy project. Is it anticipated there'll be any exemptions for the 50/50 guideline?
8. What are the costs associated with both setting up this new fund, and shutting down the Regional Development Australia Fund?
9. Will the advice of Regional Development Australia committees be considered and recommendations taken into consideration in determining the successful projects under the National Stronger Regions Fund?
10. Can you outline the assessment process for the National Stronger Regions Fund, specifically will projects be independently assessed?

Answer:

1. Unspent funds from the Regional Development Australia Fund were returned to the Budget.
2. The Government has decided that the Regional Development Australia Fund will cease. The Government is finalising the design and operational parameters of the National Stronger Regions Fund.
3. The former government announced the allocation of \$150 million to local governments from Round Five (Allocative) and that 45 projects would be funded from Round Five B of the Regional Development Australia Fund. No assessment of these projects was undertaken and no projects were approved for funding.
4. Projects seeking funding from the National Stronger Regions Fund will be required to submit an application and will be subject to an eligibility and merit assessment. 57 of the uncontracted RDAF projects from Rounds One to Four will be funded through the Community Development Grants programme. Four projects from Round Five will be funded from the Community Development Grants programme.
5. The Government is currently finalising the design of the programme. Following this, Guidelines will be published on the Department's website, which will include details of the eligibility and merit

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criteria, the application and assessment process, and the timing for applications and announcements. The Government has announced the proponents seeking funding from the National Stronger Regions Fund will be required to make a 50% partner contribution.

6. Funding will be provided according to an open and competitive application process.
7. The Government is considering a range of issues in the design and operation of the National Stronger Regions Fund.
8. Closing the Regional Development Australia Fund and establishing the National Stronger Regions Fund are considered business as usual. These activities are delivered from the Department's existing resources.
9. The Government is considering a range of issues in the design and operation of the National Stronger Regions Fund, including the role of Regional Development Australia committees.
10. The Government is considering a range of issues in the design and operation of the National Stronger Regions Fund. It is expected that certain projects will be subject to a viability assessment by an independent expert.

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Question no.: 88

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Grant to Cadbury

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. Referring to the Coalition's election commitment to provide \$16 million to Cadbury's Hobart manufacturing plant, from which department, and which budget is this funding coming from?
2. What is the total project value? How much funding is Cadbury contributing?
3. Just to be clear, is this a Regional Development budgetary commitment or is this a Tourism budgetary commitment?
4. Can you provide information on how many jobs this funding will create?
5. Drawing comparisons between the Hobart Airport redevelopment, and this Cadbury funding, is there any information available on the ROI (jobs, economic activity) per dollar spent?
6. The Government's media release on the Cadbury funding states that it will partly fund growing Cocoa Trees in the Ord River area of Western Australia. Does the department have information on how this will benefit Tourism in Tasmania?
7. Is the Department aware if the Cadbury project was reliant on Federal funding? To be clear, would this project have gone ahead without federal funding?
8. Has the Department provided any advice on the Cadbury project?

Answer:

1. The Upgrade of the Cadbury Chocolate Factory project is being administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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Question no.: 89

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Grant to Cadbury

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Given the following statement by the Prime Minister:

It is the job of government to ensure that as far as is humanly possible essential services are delivered, but it is not the job of government to play favourites between particular businesses – that is certainly not the job of government.

TONY ABBOTT - BOLT REPORT – 2 MARCH 2014

1. Why is Cadbury receiving a grant when Holden, SPC Ardmona
2. Which other companies have been given the opportunity to receive a grant from the Department of Infrastructure
3. If not, why not

Answer:

1. The Upgrade of the Cadbury Chocolate Factory project is being administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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Question no.: 90

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Grant to Cadbury

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Given the following evidence provided on 27 February 2014:

BROWN: Is the Department aware of the \$16 million grant Mr Abbott committed to Cadbury's Hobart plant?

OFFICIAL: Yes Senator, we are.

BROWN: And is Austrade handling this grant?

OFFICIAL: No Senator, we are not.

BROWN: Who is handling the grant?

OFFICIAL: That would be the Department of Infrastructure Senator.

[...]

BROWN: Does your department have any involvement in assisting with the assessment or the delivery of the grant or any involvement with this grant?

OFFICIAL: No involvement at all. No involvement at all Senator.

BROWN: You haven't seen a copy of the application, the proposal from Cadbury's at all?

OFFICIAL: Not that I'm aware of Senator.

(DFAT ESTIMATES – 27 FEBRUARY 2014)

Please confirm:

1. Is the Department of Infrastructure administering this grant?
2. Will the department work with Austrade to ensure the outcomes
3. If yes, why, given that the Prime Minister has repeatedly stated that this is a tourism grant?

ABBOTT: But this - the Cadbury's chocolate tour wasn't about Cadbury's and its profit and its business; it was about tourism to Tasmania.

(ABBOTT – 7:30 – 3 FEBRUARY 2014)

4. Under what program is this grant being funded?
5. What was the process by which this grant was approved?
6. What documentation has Cadbury provided to the government in relation to the grant?
7. Please provide copies of any correspondence between the department and Cadbury in relation to the grant.
8. What assessment process is in place to ensure value-for-money for the taxpayer?
9. Has the department ever been contacted in any form by Mr Alistair Furnival or any associate of his in relation to Cadbury? If so, what was the time, date and nature of the communication.
10. Who in the department did he contact, and did officials at any time discuss Cadbury. Could the department table copies of the communications.
11. Has the department had any communications whatsoever with Cadbury in the last 24 months?
If yes, what is the nature of those communications including time, date, and who the communications were between.
If yes, please provide copies of any written correspondence or records of phone conversations that exist.
12. What documentation has Cadbury provided to the government in support of the grant?
13. Has the funding been delivered to Cadbury? If not, when will it be delivered?

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14. Will the money be delivered in stages? If so, what are the requirements for each stage of delivery?
15. What are the reporting requirements?
16. Will this information be made public?
17. Please provide copies of any agreements entered into between Cadbury and the Department.
18. How many tourism jobs will this project create?
19. Has a cost-benefit analysis of this project been completed?
20. Could the department provide a copy of the CBA or any other project assessment it has conducted.
21. At the time the grant was announced (28 August 2013) Tony Abbott said in his media release that 'a portion of this commitment will go towards a trial to grow cocoa trees in northern Australia.'
22. What portion of the grant will go toward this cost.
23. Will your department administer and manage this portion. If not, then who?
24. How does growing cocoa trees in Queensland assist tourism in Tasmania?
25. Has the department been approached by any other company or organisation seeking tourism funding?

Answer:

1. The Upgrade of the Cadbury Chocolate Factory project is being administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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Question no.: 91

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Grant to Cadbury

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Given the [statement](#) by the now Prime Minister Tony Abbott that the grant will:

- create a unique visitor tour offering a chocolate manufacturing experience (suspended in 2008), restoring a famous tourist attraction for Tasmania and the local economy;
- help create 200 new direct jobs and 120 indirect jobs by 2017;
- help secure 600 existing direct jobs and 340 existing indirect jobs;
- be the first step toward producing a 100 per cent Australian-made chocolate bar;
- help cause fresh milk supply to increase 83 million litres to 120 million litres, meaning an extra 6,000 cattle in the local dairy industry;
- boost the existing \$550 million contribution of the operation to the Tasmanian economy;
- increase chocolate production to 70,000 tonnes a year, representing a 30 per cent increase and generating a \$1 billion contribution to the economy; and
- provide a trial to grow cocoa in the Ord River, opening up major new agricultural opportunities and growth in that area.

1. When will the tours recommence for the visiting public?
2. Has the department conducted any analysis into the potential employment created by this project?
If yes, how many jobs does the department expect the project to create?
If yes, please provide a list of jobs created separated by financial year and job title.
3. Does the department have any evidence that the grant will 'help cause fresh milk supply to increase 83 million litres to 120 million litres, meaning an extra 6,000 cattle in the local dairy industry'? If so, please provide details.
4. Does the department have any evidence that the grant will '*boost the existing \$550 million contribution of the operation to the Tasmanian economy?*' If so, please provide details.
5. Who will manage the trial of cocoa trees in the Ord River?
6. When will the trial commence?
7. When will the trial conclude?
8. What is the purpose of the trial?

Answer:

1. The Upgrade of the Cadbury Chocolate Factory project is being administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan Funding

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. The \$100 million Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Package, announced by the former Government, is this still going ahead?
2. Can you confirm that the breakdown of the funding has not changed under the new Government? That is, can you confirm that none of the announced projects and funding allocations has changed?
3. How many of the projects remain uncontracted?
4. It has been said that some projects are still undergoing 'due process' and cost-benefit tests. Can you outline the current process that the department is undertaking for each project?
5. For the projects that remain uncontracted, what is the current process being undertaken to move these to a signed contract?
6. Is the Department aware of any projects which could, for any reason, be knocked back?
7. Is the \$100m amount unchanged, and can you confirm it will still flow over 4 years? Which years?
8. Which Minister has the final responsibility for this program?

Answer:

1. The Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan (TJGP) programme is proceeding in accordance with the published Guidelines. The Guidelines are available at www.infrastructure.gov.au.
2. The projects being funded under the TJGP programme has not changed. However the Government announced additional funding of \$6 million for two projects under the Community Development Grants Programme providing a total of \$106 million for the TJGP.
3. As at 14 March 2014, 35 of the 36 projects announced remain uncontracted.
4. TJGP Guidelines outline the value with public money assessment and contracting processes.
5. TJGP Guidelines outline the value with public money assessment and contracting processes.
6. No.
7. The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Additional Estimates Statement includes appropriation for the TGJP as follows:

2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)
27.0	40.0	20.0	13.0

8. Assistant Minister Jamie Briggs MP.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: WestConnex

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

I refer to IA's answer to Senator Sterle's question on Westconnex dated February 5 (Estimates November 2013 QON 54) and I ask:

1. Given IA's concerns that alternative options were not fully addressed, what action has the Department taken to ensure that alternative options were properly assessed?
2. Given the Federal Government has pledged an unconditional \$1.5 billion in taxpayers' funds to this project without a full Infrastructure Australia evaluation, what steps has the Department taken to ensure that this money is being spent in the most effective manner?
3. Given IA's concern that the project is "priced lower than other similar projects", what action has the Department taken to assure itself that the Commonwealth is getting what the Government is paying for?

Answer:

1. The Department has worked closely with the NSW Government on its development of the project, described in the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan as a critical link in the motorway network to get Sydney moving again.
2. The NSW Government is required to submit a Project Proposal Report for assessment by the Department before funding approval is recommended to the Minister.
3. The project was assessed by Infrastructure Australia and included on its priority list as Early Stage, before the finalisation of the WestConnex Business Case.

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Question no.: 94

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Great Ocean Road Project

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. How much does the Department now anticipate it will spend by June 30 on improving the Great Ocean Road in Victoria?
2. Will the project have commenced in construction by then?
3. What representations has the Department received from the Government of Victoria on this project in 2014?

Answer:

1. The Australian and Victorian Governments are finalising the Infrastructure Investment Programme. The final Programme will include funding profiles for this project.
2. The construction schedule for the project has not been finalised.
3. The Department received a draft Project Proposal Report from the Victorian Government in February 2014.

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Question no.: 95

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Ravenswood Interchange Project

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. How much does the Department anticipate it will spend by June 30 on the Ravenswood interchange project in Victoria?
2. Will the project have commenced in construction by then?
3. What representations has the Department received from the Government of Victoria on this project in 2014?

Answer:

1. The Australian and Victorian Governments are finalising the Infrastructure Investment Programme. The final Programme will include funding profiles for this project.
2. The construction schedule for the project has not been finalised.
3. The Department has not received representations from the Victorian Government on this project in 2014.

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Question no.: 96

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Condah-Hotspur Road Project

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. How much does the Department anticipate it will spend by June 30 on the Condah-Hotspur Rd project in Victoria?
2. Will the project have commenced in construction by then?
3. What representations has the Department received from the Government of Victoria on this project in 2014?

Answer:

1. The Australian and Victorian Governments are finalising the Infrastructure Investment Programme. The final Programme will include funding profiles for this project.
2. The construction schedule for the project has not been finalised.
3. The Department has not received representations from the Victorian Government on this project in 2014.

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Question no.: 97

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Princes Highway East Project

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. How much does the Department anticipate it will spend by June 30, on the Princes Highway East project in Victoria?
2. Will the project have commenced in construction by then?
3. What representations has the Department received from the Government of Victoria on this project in 2014?

Answer:

1. The Australian and Victorian Governments are finalising the Infrastructure Investment Programme. The final Programme will include funding profiles for this project.
2. The construction schedule for the project has not been finalised.
3. The Department received a draft Project Proposal Report from the Victorian Government in January 2014.

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Question no.: 98

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Duplication of Princes Highway

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. What progress has been made on full duplication of the Princes Highway between Melbourne and Adelaide?
2. Has the Department had any discussions with the Victorian Government or any of its agencies about the scope or timing of this project? If yes, what were the discussions?
3. Has the Department had any discussions with the Minister, Assistant Minister or their offices about the scope of the Princes Highway duplication between Melbourne and Adelaide, or part thereof?
4. Are there dates for commencing construction?
5. When will the duplication be complete?
6. Are you aware of a 2+1 lane project, rather than 2+2 full duplication at any part of the Princes Highway?

Answer:

1. The Australian and Victorian Governments have jointly committed funding to duplicate the Princes Highway West from Waurin Ponds to Colac. Construction from Waurin Ponds to Winchelsea commenced in September 2010 and is expected to be completed in mid-2015. Planning from Winchelsea to Colac commenced in July 2011 and is expected to be completed in mid-2014. Construction from Winchelsea to Colac is expected to commence in late 2014. There is no Australian Government commitment to duplicate the Princes Highway West beyond Colac.
2. The Australian Government conducts regular discussions with the Victorian Government on the scope and timing of the jointly committed projects on the Princes Highway West.
3. Yes.
4. See response to Question 1.
5. See response to Question 1.
6. The Department has seen media reports of a proposal for a 2+1 treatment on the Princes Highway West from Colac to the South Australian border. There is no Australian Government commitment to duplicate the Princes Highway West beyond Colac.

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Question no.: 99

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Manly Funding

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. On Sunday 18th August 2013 the Liberal Party made an election commitment to fund \$10 million towards an upgrade of Brookvale Oval, home to the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles Rugby League Football Club. What is the status of that funding?
2. Was the funding contained in the MYEFO document or forward infrastructure planning? In what years will this money be spent, and when is the project scheduled for completion?
3. When will the funding be delivered?

Answer:

1. The project will be administered under the Community Development Grants Programme. The proponent has not submitted project information and the project remains uncontracted.
2. Funding for the Community Development Grants was included in the 2013-14 MYEFO. As at 14 March 2014, the proponent had not yet submitted project specific information to the Department. The funding profile and project completion date is unknown.
3. Once Manly-Warringah has provided sufficient project information, the Department will undertake a value with public money assessment against the proposal under the Community Development Grants Guidelines. Once the assessment is completed, the Department will provide advice to the Minister for consideration. The Department will make payments to the Manly-Warringah in accordance with the terms of an executed Funding Agreement.

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Question no.: 100

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Liveable Cities

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

This program will cease at the end of 2013-4.

1. Can you advise on whether the Department has provided advice on a cities based program that will continue after 2013-4?
2. Or will this matter revert to the States?

Answer:

1. The Department has not provided advice on a new cities based programme. The \$35.5 billion Infrastructure Investment Programme will address a range of productivity and liveability issues in our major cities, including the Westconnex project in Sydney, East-West link in Melbourne and the Gateway Motorway project in Brisbane.
2. See response to Question 1.

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Question no.: 101

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: 80/20 Agreements

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Please update on all infrastructure projects where the Commonwealth has agreed to provide a proportion of funding, and the percentage split between Commonwealth and States.

Answer:

The Government's Infrastructure Investment Programme is currently being finalised. Details of percentage funding splits are unavailable until such time as the programme is finalised and agreements have been signed with states and territories.

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Question no.: 102

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Bingara Accord

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Please indicate whether the Department had provided a brief or advice to the Minister that includes reference to “Bingara Accord”. If yes, when was this brief or advice provided. If no, is the Department aware of any comments of the Minister on the “Bingara Accord”?

Answer:

The Minister received a written brief from Infrastructure Australia on the Bingara Accord on 30 January 2014.

The Department has not provided any formal advice or briefing to the Minister on the Bingara Accord.

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Question no.: 103

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Roads Funding

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Please outline specific initiatives that the Department is implementing to improve decision-making on off-National Network roads funding.

Answer:

1. The Department currently works with the states and territories to develop detailed assessments of potential projects that have been identified through long term planning and through rigorous programme selection processes.
2. The Department has developed a policy for project proponents to prepare robust quantitative (probabilistic) risk analysis techniques for determining costs for projects that are seeking Australian Government funding. This includes guidance for project proponents, including standard reporting templates.
3. The Department is also investigating methods to benchmark infrastructure project costs to provide further assistance when assessing project costs at approval stages.
4. Off-Network road funding is currently provided to states and territories for specific projects in the same way that National Network road funding is provided for specific projects.
5. To cement this practice and streamline the administration of project funding processes, the Government is amending the *Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Act 2009* to combine National Network and off-National Network funding approval processes into one part.
6. The Government is also amending the *Infrastructure Australia Act 2008* to improve the governance structure of Infrastructure Australia (IA) to equip it for better planning and evaluation of projects. This will include the development of a 15 year rolling infrastructure plan and completion of a National Infrastructure Audit to inform future infrastructure planning.

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Question no.: 104

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: AusLink Programme

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Can the Department provide six year estimate profiles for all the projects listed in the 2013-14 MYEFO measure AusLink Programme – National Land Transport Projects including amounts being redirected from the cancelled projects?

Answer:

The Government's Infrastructure Investment Programme is currently being finalised. Details of funding profiles are unavailable until such time as the programme is finalised and agreements have been signed with states and territories.

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Question no.: 105

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland NQ Inc

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. Is the Department aware of a proposal by the Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland NQ Inc to establish a clubhouse in Cairns?
2. Has the Department executive a funding agreement with the organisation?
3. What is the value (\$) of the grant?
4. Is it capital or operational funding?
5. Which budget does it come from? 2013-14?

Answer:

1. Yes.
2. No.
3. On 6 September 2013, the Hon Warren Entsch MP announced a \$350,000 commitment to the Mental Illness Fellowship of North Queensland Inc for the establishment of Clubhouse in Cairns.
4. Operational.
5. The funding profile for the project cannot be determined until a funding agreement has been negotiated and executed.

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Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Tasmania Infrastructure Projects - Rail

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. Can you confirm the amount of funding currently allocated to Rail projects in Tasmania over the forward estimates? Which years will this funding fall in?
2. What are the specific Rail projects in Tasmania to be funded?
3. Are there any changes to Rail project funding in Tasmania since the Coalition came to Government? Are you expecting that all planned projects will go ahead on the same annual funding profile?
4. That is, against the allocation in the 2013-14 Budget forward Estimates, what is the current variance for each of the following:
 - a. 2013-14
 - b. 2014-15
 - c. 2015-16
 - d. 2016-17
 - e. 2017-18
5. Do you have any figures on job creation and employment associated with these projects?

Answer:

1. The Australian Government has allocated \$38.32 million to rail projects in Tasmania in 2013-14. In addition, \$119.6 million has been committed over five years from 2014-15 towards the Rail Revitalisation program. It is expected that the Tasmanian Government will also contribute funding towards this project. The funding profile is yet to be settled.
2. The Rail Revitalisation program.
3. There are no changes to the rail projects being funded. The funding profile is yet to be settled.
4. The funding profile is yet to be settled so there is no variance to date.
5. No

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Question no.: 107

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Tasmania Midland Highway

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

Upgrades to Tasmania's Midlands Highway have been promised by the new Government. There has been an announcement of \$400 million towards this project. The previous Government had announced a figure of \$500 million.

1. Can you confirm if the extra \$100 million was in the budget and forward estimates?
2. Now that this extra \$100 million has been cut, where will these funds be diverted to? Are there plans to spend these funds on other infrastructure within Tasmania?
3. Will this extra \$100 million be allocated within the Department, or will it be returned as surplus funds to be allocated within other portfolios?
4. Who made the final decision to proceed with the \$400 million allocation? Did the Department provide advice to the Government on this?
5. Can you outline the role the Tasmanian State Government plays in the upgrade of the Midlands Highway? Do they allocate the projects that get funded?
6. Have the Tasmanian Government requested that the original commitment of \$500 million be met?
7. Does the Department have information relating to which projects in this upgrade would not be able to go ahead as a result of the \$100 million change to funding allocation?
8. Can the Department outline the projects that will be funded with the \$400 million.
9. Are you expecting that all planned Midland projects will go ahead on the same annual funding profile as anticipated at the time of the 2013-14 Budget?
10. That is, against the allocation in the 2013-14 Budget forward Estimates, what is the current variance for each of the following:
 - a. 2013-14
 - b. 2014-15
 - c. 2015-16
 - d. 2016-17
 - e. 2017-18
11. Does the Department have information on how many jobs would be created during the construction of the upgrade projects? Would there have been a difference in employment created with the original allocation of \$500 million?

Answer:

1. The previous Government's commitment of \$500 million included \$289.6 million for the period 2019-20 to 2023-24 which is beyond the forward estimates.
2. The Australian Government is finalising the Infrastructure Investment Programme for the period 2014-15 to 2018-19 with the state and territory governments.
3. See response to Question 2.
4. The Government announced the commitment in the Coalition's *Economic Growth Plan for Tasmania* during the 2013 election campaign.

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5. The Australian and Tasmanian Governments agree the priority of projects for funding under the Infrastructure Investment Programme. The Tasmanian Government will prepare Project Proposal Reports for Australian Government consideration and approval prior to the release of funding. The Tasmanian Government will manage construction of projects included in the Programme.
6. No.
7. The Australian Government will continue to work closely with the Tasmanian Government to determine the priority of projects to be funded under the commitment and the funding profiles.
8. See response to Question 7.
9. See response to Question 7.
10. See response to Question 7.
11. No.

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Question no.: 108

Program: 1.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Tasmania Infrastructure Projects - Ports

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Sterle asked:

1. Can you confirm the amount of funding currently allocated to Ports and Port upgrade projects in Tasmania over the forward estimates? Which years will this funding fall in?
2. What are the specific Ports projects in Tasmania to be funded?
3. Are there any changes to Ports projects in Tasmania since the Coalition came to Government? Are you expecting that all planned projects will go ahead on the same annual funding profile?
4. That is, against the allocation in the 2013-14 Budget forward Estimates, what is the current variance for each of the following:
 - a. 2013-14
 - b. 2014-15
 - c. 2015-16
 - d. 2016-17
 - e. 2017-18
5. Will the PCs review of shipping and freight in Tasmania, or any State Government policies alter planned Ports projects in Tasmania?
6. Do you have any figures on job creation and employment associated with these projects?

Answer:

The Australian Government currently has no funding allocated to Ports and Port upgrade projects in Tasmania.

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Question no.: 109

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Ministerial Powers – Directional Power

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Edwards asked:

1. Under current legislation, what directional powers does the Minister have with regard to Infrastructure Australia?
2. Under proposed amendments, what directional powers would the Minister receive?
3. How will these new powers effect the day to day operations of Infrastructure Australia?

Answer:

1. The current legislation provides for the following directional powers as they relate to Infrastructure Australia:

6 Minister may give directions to Infrastructure Australia

- (1) The Minister may give written directions to Infrastructure Australia about the performance of its functions.
- (2) The Minister may have regard to any decisions by COAG in giving directions under subsection (1).
- (3) Directions given by the Minister under subsection (1) must be of a general nature only.
- (4) The Minister must not give directions about the content of any advice that may be given by Infrastructure Australia.
- (5) Infrastructure Australia must comply with any direction given by the Minister under subsection (1).
- (6) A direction given by the Minister under subsection (1) is not a legislative instrument.

The current legislation also requires that certain functions of Infrastructure Australia can only be undertaken by request of the Minister. These are:

5(2)(c) to review and provide advice on proposals to facilitate the harmonisation of policies, and laws, relating to development of, and investment in, infrastructure;

5(2)(d) to evaluate proposals for investment in, or enhancements to, nationally significant infrastructure;

5(2)(g) to provide advice on infrastructure policy issues arising from climate change; and

5(2)(h) to review Commonwealth infrastructure funding programs to ensure they align with any Infrastructure Priority Lists.

There is no requirement under the current legislation for these requests to be reported.

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Additionally, the current legislation provides for the following direction powers as they relate to the Infrastructure Coordinator:

Subsections 28:

- (2) The Infrastructure Coordinator also has any functions that the Minister, by writing, directs the Infrastructure Coordinator to perform.
- (3) The Minister may have regard to any views of Infrastructure Australia in making directions under subsection (2).
- (4) A direction made under subsection (2) is not a legislative instrument.

There is no limit on the scope of these directions, nor is the Infrastructure Coordinator obliged under the current legislation to report any directions.

2. Under the amendment Bill, sections 6(3) and 6(4) of the Act (above) would be repealed and substituted with the following:

- (3) Without limiting subsection (1), a direction may do any or all of the following:
 - (a) specify a time by which Infrastructure Australia must perform a particular function;
 - (b) specify a time by which Infrastructure Australia must comply with the direction;
 - (c) require Infrastructure Australia to perform a function in accordance with any requirements that are specified in the direction, including requirements relating to:
 - (i) the scope of any audit, list, evaluation, plan or advice to be provided by Infrastructure Australia; and
 - (ii) any matters that Infrastructure Australia must or must not consider in performing the function; and
 - (iii) the manner in which Infrastructure Australia is to perform the function.
- (4) However, the Minister must not give directions about the content of any audit, list, evaluation, plan or advice to be provided by Infrastructure Australia.

Section 6(3) specifies mechanical aspects of Infrastructure Australia's functions. It provides the Government with an opportunity to ensure Infrastructure Australia undertakes its work in a timely manner (see Paragraphs (6(3)(a) and (b)) and consider other policy initiatives (6(3)(c)) for example, the Northern Australia white paper, congestion in urban centres, drought requirements and its impact on delivery of infrastructure.

Section 6(4) of the Bill clearly limits the Minister's powers under Section 6(3) as it states:

"However, the Minister must not give directions about the content of any audit, list, evaluation, plan or advice to be provided by Infrastructure Australia."

3. Infrastructure Australia will still be required to undertake all of its functions. A direction must be provided in writing and given the limitations placed on it by 6(4), Infrastructure Australia will at all times maintain an unfettered capacity in relation to its advice on investment, planning, priorities, projects and other matters to Governments.

In addition, the amendment Bill does not provide for the Minister to direct the CEO, unlike the current provision where the Minister's directional powers extend to the Infrastructure Coordinator, as the answer provided for question 1, above.

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Program: n/a

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Consultation Process for Infrastructure Australia Bill Amendments

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Edwards asked:

1. What was the consultation process on the development of the Infrastructure Australia Bill?
2. Was the Chair of Infrastructure Australia, Sir Rod Eddington, consulted? What was his input? When was he consulted?

Answer:

1. At a major industry event hosted by Infrastructure Partnerships Australia on 2 May 2012, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, announced the Coalition's intention to task Infrastructure Australia to develop a 15 year rolling infrastructure plan, to publish its analyses and extend Infrastructure Australia's evaluation function to infrastructure projects seeking federal funding of more than \$100 million.

The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Warren Truss MP, announced policy for the reform of Infrastructure Australia at an Infrastructure Partnerships Australia event attended by 50 business representatives on 25 July 2013 covered by national media.

The reforms to Infrastructure Australia were stated in the Coalition's policy paper titled "The Coalition's Policy to Deliver the Infrastructure for the 21st Century", published on 5 September 2013.

Several meetings were held throughout October and November 2013 with Infrastructure Australia, both with the Chair, Sir Rod Eddington, the Infrastructure Coordinator, Mr Deegan and the Infrastructure Australia Council.

The Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, met with Mr Deegan on 2 October 2013.

The Deputy Prime Minister met with Sir Rod Eddington on 31 October 2013.

On 4 November 2013, policy authority to implement the Government's reforms to Infrastructure Australia was obtained.

On the same day, the Deputy Prime Minister wrote to the Chair of Infrastructure Australia, Sir Rod Eddington, and to the Infrastructure Coordinator, requesting Infrastructure Australia commence work on the infrastructure audit and advising on the expected amendments to the *Infrastructure Australia Act 2008* that would give effect to the Government's reform to Infrastructure Australia.

On 6 November 2013, Departmental officials met with the Office of Parliamentary Counsel to brief the legislative drafters on the Government's policy objectives. Subsequent to that meeting, drafting commenced on the Bill and the contents were embargoed.

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Both the OPC and Department undertook consultation with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Attorney General's Department, the Treasury and the Department of Communications as required.

On 18 November 2013, the Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were provided to the Infrastructure Coordinator.

On 20 November 2013, the Bill was tabled in Parliament.

Assistant Minister Briggs attended the Infrastructure Australia Board meeting on 22 November 2013. The Board had received the draft Bill and did not raise any concerns with the Department. Both Sir Rod Eddington and Mr Deegan were present at that meeting.

2. Details of how and when the Chair of Infrastructure Australia was consulted in the drafting of the Bill are listed above in response to question 1.

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Program: n/a

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: IA's Assessment of Subjects like Climate Change

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Edwards asked:

Under the proposed changes, would Infrastructure Australia still be able to provide advice on issues such as climate change?

Answer:

Yes. The Amendment Bill provides the necessary flexibility for this function to be undertaken by Infrastructure Australia under clause 5C which states Infrastructure Australia is to provide advice on infrastructure matters, in particular, policy, pricing and regulatory issues that may impact on the utilisation of infrastructure.

Importantly, the Amendment Bill provides greater flexibility around the policy issues that Infrastructure Australia can advise on because it does not specify or single out specific matter.

It is important to note that under the current legislation, Infrastructure Australia can only undertake this function at the request of the Minister. Refer to section 5(4) of the *Infrastructure Australia Act 2008*.

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Question no.: 112

Program: 3.1

Division/Agency: (II) Infrastructure Investment

Topic: Funding for Cadbury

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Carr asked:

In the Education and Employment Legislation Committee estimates hearing on 27 February 2014 Senator Abetz suggested that the funding for the Government's \$16 million grant to Cadbury is coming from the Industry Portfolio (refer Hansard extract below).

1. Is this correct?
2. If so, from which program?
3. Senator Abetz also confirmed that the grant goes through a 'value for money assessment'. Has this assessment taken place?
4. If yes, please give details of the nature of the assessment and by whom it was conducted.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Does the Tasmanian jobs program officially include the funding for Cadbury?

Senator Abetz: No.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: That is separate?

Senator Abetz: Yes.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: That goes through a value for money assessment like all federal funding allocations?

Senator Abetz: Yes.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Am I allowed to ask questions on that in this forum? Is that possible, Chair?

Senator Abetz: It is not in the employment portfolio. I daresay it would be in industry.

Answer:

1. The Upgrade of the Cadbury Chocolate Factory project is being administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.